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## 'Halt minimum wage hike in 2011'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

The CNMI's current minimum wage of \$4.55 an hour will increase to \$5.05 an hour on Sept. 30, 2010, but two of the largest business groups in the Commonwealth and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) are asking for a suspension of next year's 50-cent hike until another impact study is done.

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### ONE CINDER BLOCK AT A TIME

A construction worker pulls a rope to lift one cinder block at a time to a waiting fellow worker on the second floor of the building that houses the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill late yesterday afternoon. 3K Corp. bagged a \$285,950 contract for the building renovation, which includes replacing termite-infested wooden panels and putting an elevator to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

## New brand identity for a new United Airlines

» **United, Continental unveil new logo and livery**

CHICAGO AND HOUSTON—United Airlines and Continental Airlines revealed yesterday refinements to the visual branding for the new global airline that will result from the proposed merger between the two.

The new logo displays the combined company's brand name in capital let-

ters—UNITED—in a custom sans-serif font, joined with the global mark that has represented Continental's brand image since 1991.

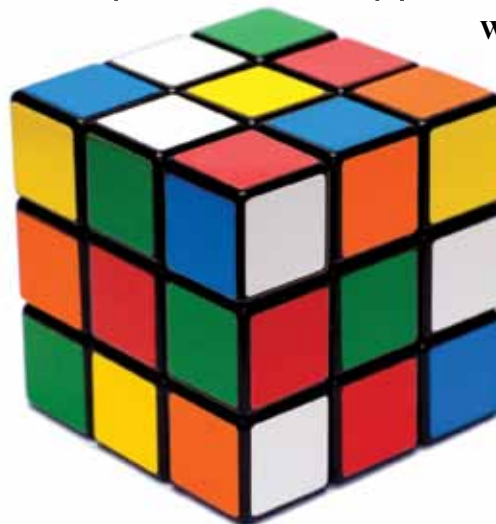
A corresponding update of the combined airline's aircraft livery will adopt Continental's livery, colors and design,

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United Airlines and Continental Airlines unveil their new name and livery signifying the merger of the two airline companies.

## Study uncovers every possible Rubik's Cube solution



WASHINGTON (AFP)—An international team of researchers using computer time lent to them by Google has found every way the popular Rubik's Cube puzzle can be solved, and showed it can always be solved in 20 moves or less.

The study is just the latest attempt by Rubik's enthusiasts to figure out the secrets of the cube, which has proven to be altogether far more complicated than its jaunty colors might suggest.

At the crux of the quest has been a bid to determine the lowest number

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# Local

## Local budget just 55 percent of PSS funds

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The local government's appropriation for education last fiscal year contributed just 55 percent to the overall budget of the CNMI Public School System, which received a total funding of \$63.3 million, based on a recently released independent audit report.

The report, prepared by J. Scott Magliari & Company, showed that the \$34.6 million the local government gave PSS last year was augmented by \$28.7 million in federal grants.

In the past 10 fiscal years

(1999 to 2009), the local funding share in PSS' total funding has varied from 55 percent to 70 percent.

"Federal funding continues to increase over the past 10 years while local funding significantly declined from \$38 million in 1999 to \$37 million in 2001 and has remained at that level until 2007. In FY 2009, the local funding was further reduced to \$34.6 million," the auditors noted.

Data show that PSS had a total funding of \$53.7 million in 1999 when the local budget for education was \$37.7 million. Federal monies were at \$16 million, reflecting a 30 percent

share of the total amount. It was the only time that local funding contributed 70 percent to the total education funding.

The local budget share saw a slight drop in 2000 when it contributed only 68 percent of total funds received by PSS, amounting to \$53.2 million. Local funding then was at \$36.2 million.

From fiscal year 2001 through 2009, the following are the percentages of the local funding share compared to the overall monies received by the system: FY 2001, 69 percent; 2002, 67 percent; 2003, 62 percent; 2004, 61 percent; 2005, 59 percent; 2006, 56 percent; 2007, 56 percent; 2008, 55 percent; and 2009, 55 percent.

PSS enrollment last fiscal year totaled 11,693.

The report also indicated that PSS had an unfunded retirement contribution of \$8.1 million in 2009 and \$6 million in FY 2008. Payables to Retirement Fund last fiscal year, including interest, amounted to \$14.1 million.

## Glimpses to hold GAMECON on Sept. 4

All roads lead to Club V of Saipan Grand Hotel on Sept. 4 as Glimpses holds GAMECON and Back To School Expo 2010.

PC and console gaming enthusiasts will compete for a chance at winning more than \$3,000 in interesting prizes plus trophies and medals.

Members of the audience will be in for a treat too as they may get a chance to walk away with instant door prizes.

Also, there'll be booths at the lobby of Saipan Grand Hotel where participants can check out the youth development programs available, health and wellness initiatives of the government, among other interesting booths.

Interested gamers can visit Glimpses/Beach Road Magazine office on Middle Road, Megabyte of Saipan, Subway Restaurants, and IT&E for entry forms. Tickets are sold at \$5 for audience and \$20 for gamers. For inquiries call Glimpses/Beach Road Magazine at 235-7645 for more details. To request for entry forms via email, write to saipan@glimpsesofguam.com.

Gamers may sign up until Aug. 30.

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## CHC's pediatric section closed on weekends

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The CNMI Department of Public Health will keep its pediatric section closed to patients during weekends—a practice that has been in existence since the unit opened at the hospital.

Public Health Secretary Kevin Joseph Villagomez said the section currently has just three pediatricians and that the Commonwealth Health Center needs three more.

At present, Villagomez said, a "mix-match of staffing" is being planned for the section where nurse practitioners and physician assistants help the pediatricians.

He said the "lengthy hiring process" for needed physicians is hampering their efforts to add more staff to the section.

"Pediatric is one of the main sections that is short-staffed. We don't have enough doctors and our recruitment team is working very closely with the onboard

pediatricians as to the people we want to hire. The hiring process is lengthy...mainly because you just don't hire anybody who is available but we need to find those who are good for the community," said Villagomez Thursday during a donation ceremony at the hospital.

He said there were some applications for the posts but some have "questionable credentials."

"We question their credibility...and just because we need them we have to hire the bad ones? So we're looking for other options," he added.

Even if the pediatrics section gets a full complement of six doctors, the section will still remain closed on Saturdays and Sundays, Villagomez said.

"That's always been the case. They never open on weekends and if somebody wants to see a doctor for their babies [during weekends] they are referred to the emergency unit. Outpatient clinic is not open during these days," said Villagomez.

## Sutton relieved, Camacho tapped as new counsel for detention guard

The federal court yesterday granted the request of attorney Loren A. Sutton to withdraw as court-appointed counsel for Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial, a detention guard who is charged with using his position to force a female ward at the Kagman Juvenile Detention to engage in sex acts.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter relieved Sutton of the case and appointed Joseph Norita Camacho as Fitial's new counsel.

Carter remanded Fitial to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Sutton earlier informed the court that Fitial doesn't want him to be his counsel anymore.

"His reasons are that he is disappointed and angry that he was not released on bail after his motion to modify conditions of bail was denied on August 4," Sutton said.

Carter sealed certain portions of yesterday's hearing and asked assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto and attorney

Bruce Mailman, who served as guardian *ad litem* for one of the minor girls involved in the case, to leave the courtroom.

Fitial told the court that his family wants to hire Camacho as his counsel.

Camacho later appeared in court and stated that he would be available to serve as court-appointed counsel as the family apparently could not pay his retainer fees.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested the 24-year-old Fitial on June 11 after an indictment was filed against him in federal court charging him with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

The indictment alleged that around October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial coerced a child by means of force and threats to engage in sex acts while the minor was a ward at the Kagman Detention and Correctional Facility. Fitial denied the charges. (Ferdie de la Torre)



# Kilili: Water, sewer funding hikes pay for NMI-wide projects

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) issued data yesterday on the significant new funding for water and sewer projects throughout the Commonwealth. Because of allocation formula changes Sablan won in the FY10 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriation, H.R. 2996, water and sewer funding for the Commonwealth jumped from \$1.05 million in FY09 to \$11.3 million this year—a 10-fold increase.

“Twenty-four-hour water is the holy grail of infrastructure in the Northern Marianas,” said Sablan. “The more funding we have, the faster we will get water to all homes, all day, every day. So, I have made increased federal funding for water projects one of my priorities in this Congress.”

“Just as important is making sure that wastewater gets treated properly, so that our aquifers and off-shore waters remain clean. So we have achieved large increases in funding for sewer infrastructure, too,” he added.

“There are projects on Rota, in Kagman, Fina Sisu, San Vicente, and CK—all around the Commonwealth the positive effects of these new monies are going to be seen and felt,” according to Sablan. “CUC will now also have more money to complete a master plan for future projects and improvements that we could use for future funding requests.”

“In addition to improving people’s lives by bringing water to their homes, we are also doing something to protect the environment, creating

jobs, saving energy, and putting down more of the modern infrastructure that is necessary for economic development.”

Besides the formula-based increases for the Safe Drinking Water Fund and Clean Water Fund programs that Sablan got in the FY10 spending bill, the CNMI also received grants for these two programs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. A total of \$1,829,000 was made available for water projects and \$1,651,700 for sewer projects.

“Altogether \$14.7 million in water and sewer money from both the Recovery Act and from the formula change,” he said. “We will have construction work throughout the Commonwealth this year and next because of this money.

We will be making significant improvements in our water and sewer systems.”

The Commonwealth Utility Corp. and the Water Task Force have a list of priorities that determines the order for water and sewer projects. Normally, because of limited funding, only the top one or two projects can be contracted out each year. With the burst of new funding from the Recovery Act and the FY10 formula change, it will be possible to get 14 projects underway.

Already contracted out using the Recovery Act funding is the Saipan Well Isolation project. This will redirect water from 25 wells, currently going directly into the distribution system, to reservoirs instead. The result will be energy savings, in-

creased pumping efficiency, and the elimination of the need for nine chlorination sites and one booster pump station.

Rehabilitation of the Sadog Tasi wastewater treatment plant is also under contract with Recovery Act money. The upgrade and modification of the treatment plant’s aeration system will significantly reduce energy usage and will cut operation and maintenance costs.

A third project, the W-8 sewer lift station realignment, is being begun with Recovery Act funds, but will be completed with FY10 increases. The rerouting and realignment of sewer collection lines and the abandonment of two sewer pump stations under this project will, again, serve to

reduce energy, operations, and maintenance costs.

Sablan noted that it is not only making the money available that is important.

“In Congress we enact the appropriations,” the congressman said. “That is the necessary first step. You cannot do anything without the money.

“But once we make the money available, then many people here in the Commonwealth have to do the hard work of engineering, and contracting, and running the bulldozers and the backhoes before any of us see the benefits of those federal funds.

“We are all in this together,” said Sablan. “Making the Commonwealth a better place to live.” (PR)

## CNMI has potential for ecotourism—Tighe

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A marine science and policy adviser based in Hawaii says the CNMI has the potential to develop a niche market from its current mass tourism base.

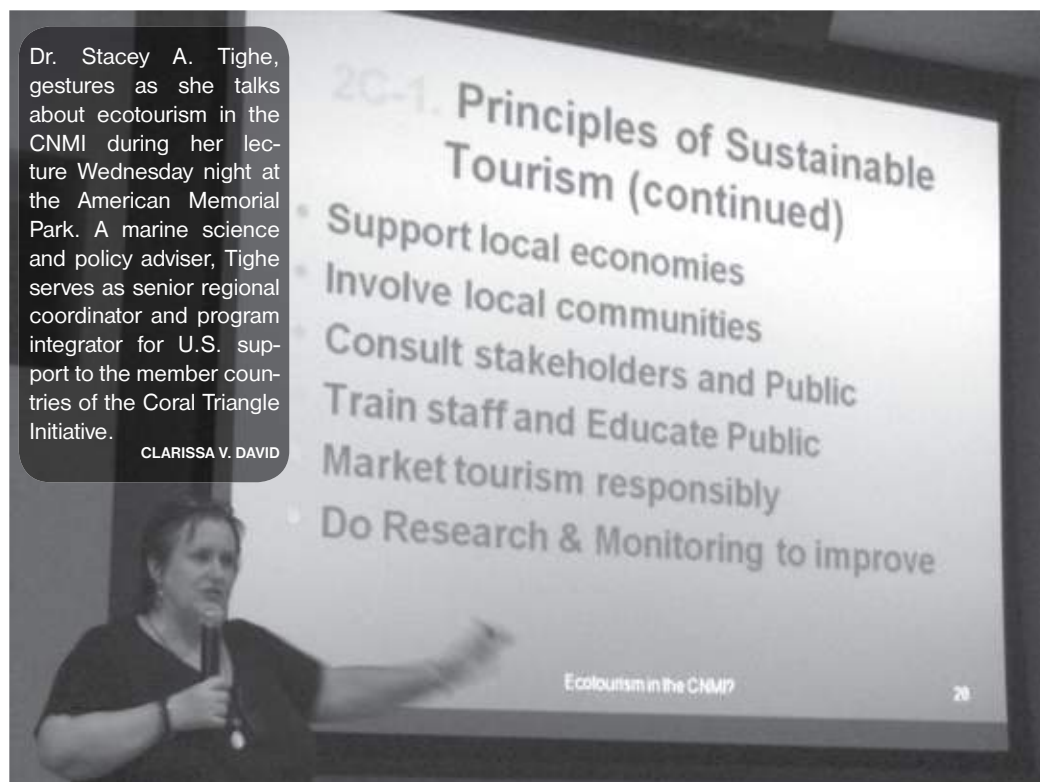
During her lecture Wednesday night at the American Memorial Park, Dr. Stacey A. Tighe said the Commonwealth can actually encourage ecotourism as an alternative to mass tourism on the islands.

Tighe said ecotourism involves the concepts of activity, philosophy, and ethics in tourism. It is oriented around the environment, promotes positive environmental ethics, and fosters “preferred” behavior among its participants.

Ecotourism aids in the management and conservation of the natural and cultural environment as well as natural resources of an area, which leads to its sustainability.

According to Tighe, ecotourism is ideal for small islands such as the CNMI because it is service-based, which would require a handful of employees, thereby generating more jobs for the local people.

Aside from producing employment opportunities, Tighe said a sustainable ecotourism



Dr. Stacey A. Tighe, gestures as she talks about ecotourism in the CNMI during her lecture Wednesday night at the American Memorial Park. A marine science and policy adviser, Tighe serves as senior regional coordinator and program integrator for U.S. support to the member countries of the Coral Triangle Initiative.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

would also be an alternative for environmentally damaging industries and help encourage conservation efforts.

Ecotourism can also serve as a new market to promote local products and improve facilities and infrastructure on the islands.

Tighe cited the case of Toge Islands in Indonesia where an ecotourism network that consists of local village groups was established.

She said these local groups have developed tourism attractions that reduce damage on the environment such as native handicraft, mangrove forest boardwalk, and a forest trekking path.

Tighe said CNMI can take on the ecotourism endeavor for a number of reasons, including its cultural attractions, the rich biodiversity of the islands, its location in the Pacific and being a U.S. territory, particularly its reliance on tourism as its

main industry.

She also said the islands already have existing services and facilities as well as the presence of federal agencies that can provide support should the CNMI venture into ecotourism.

To become “eco,” Tighe said the CNMI must create a shared vision of ecotourism with the participation of all stakeholders as well as identify what would be its conservation targets, mechanisms and strategies to bring about ecotourism on the islands.

## Procurement Division sets Sept. 15 deadline for purchase requisitions

Procurement and Supply director Herman S. Sablan has reminded Executive Branch department and activity heads of the Sept. 15 deadline for submission of Fiscal Year 2010 purchase requisitions, contracts and invitations to bid/requests for proposal.

FY 2010 ends on Sept. 30.

“The deadline is established to allow the Division of Procurement and Supply to perform the processing requirements before the expiration of FY 2010,” Sa-

blan said in an Aug. 10 memo.

He said all purchase requisitions, contracts and ITB/RFP requests submitted after Sept. 15, 2010 will be returned to the requesting department of agency to resubmit on the next fiscal year.

Capital improvement projects are not affected by this deadline.

“Also, I would like to remind everyone that all open accounts, be it federal or local, expires September 30, 2010,” Sablan added. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

## Charges vs four men accused of Valentine’s Day riot dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has dismissed the criminal case against four men who were accused of beating up a man on Feb. 14 in Garapan.

Wiseman dismissed the charges against Lamberto Flores, 46; Numido Florendo, 67; Robert Lozano, 48; and Dante Parinas, 52.

Then chief prosecutor Rosemond B. Santos filed the complaint charging the four with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher recently asked the court to drop the charges. Wiseman agreed.

Flores told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he and his family are very happy that they have all been cleared of the charges.

Flores, a security guard, said he actually tried to stop the fight.

A police report mentioned that the alleged victim, Federico Cruz Tamayo, was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

Police officers arrested Flores, Florendo, Lozano, and Parinas later that night. The four denied the charges.

Tamayo was reportedly assaulted after he was accused of throwing a rock on the roof of a barracks where a group of men were drinking during Valentine’s Day. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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## Man in sham marriage to be deported

A man who earlier pleaded guilty to entering a fake marriage to obtain a “green card” was sentenced yesterday to two years of probation and will be deported to the Philippines.

In a statement issued by U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco yesterday, she said that Crisanto Maderal Olivos was sentenced yesterday by visiting Judge David O. Carter to two years of probation with conditions that allow for his self-deportation.

Olivos previously pleaded guilty to immigration document fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1546, as a result of fraudulently obtaining a U.S. Permanent Resi-

dent Card (“green card”) through a fake marriage to a U.S. citizen.

Limtiaco also announced that Olivos’ co-defendant, Maria Calipay Camacho, pleaded guilty for her role as a conspirator in the scheme on Aug. 9, 2010. Camacho arranged the fraudulent marriage and assisted Olivos in applying for his green card. Camacho will be sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency investigated the case with the help of the CNMI’s Attorney General’s Investigation Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler prosecuted the case. (PR)

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# Guam air base steps up security after bomb threat

**HAGATNA, Guam** (AP)—A suspect is in custody following a bomb threat at Guam's Andersen Air Force Base.

The Air Force says the base stepped up security around 12:30 p.m. Thursday (Guam time; 10:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday or 02:30 GMT Thursday),

but had returned to normal operations by 3 p.m.

Explosive ordnance disposal experts investigated the threat before the all-

clear was sounded.

The Air Force says the response allowed base officials to isolate the incident and get the base back to normal status quickly.

No other information on the incident was immediately available.

## DoJ launches nat'l strategy against child exploitation

Following an announcement by Attorney General Eric Holder, Alicia A. G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for Guam and the CNMI, announced last week that the Department of Justice has released its first ever National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction.

The strategy provides the first ever comprehensive threat assessment of the dangers facing children from child pornography, online enticement, child sex tourism, commercial sexual exploitation, and sexual exploitation in Indian country, and outline a blueprint to strengthen the fight against these crimes. The strategy builds upon the department's accomplishments in fighting child exploitation by establishing specific, aggressive goals and priorities and increasing cooperation and collaboration at all levels of government and the private sector.

As part of the overall strategy, the U.S. Marshals Service is launching a nationwide operation targeting the top 500 most dangerous, non-compliant sex offenders in the nation.

Also, the department will create a national database to allow federal, state, tribal, local, and international law enforcement partners to deconflict their cases with each other, engage in

undercover operations from a portal facilitated or hosted by the database, share information and intelligence, and conduct analyses on dangerous offenders and future threats and trends.

The department also created 38 additional assistant U.S. attorney positions to devote to child exploitation cases, and over the coming months will work to fill the vacancies and train the new assistants in this specialized area.

"Although we've made meaningful progress in protecting children across the country, and although we've brought a record

number of offenders to justice in recent years, it is time to renew our commitment to this work. It is time to intensify our efforts," said Holder. "This new strategy provides the roadmap necessary to do just that—to streamline our education, prevention and prosecution activities; to improve information sharing and collaboration; and to make the most effective use of limited resources."

Limtiaco said: "As part of our commitment to ensuring that our children are protected against sexual predators, and in an effort to promote regional cooperation and interaction in our fight against child sexual exploitation,

online solicitation and enticement, Internet or computer facilitated crimes against children, and the proliferation of child pornography, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands recognizes the importance of an effective, collaborative and coordinated response among our local, federal and international law enforcement partners, social service providers, victim service provider, and non-profit organizations.

Educating our community about these dangers and related issues through public awareness and outreach programs is critical to effective prevention efforts and the provision of services to victims and survivors of these crimes."

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, in coordination with the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Office of the Attorney General, held an "Internet Crimes Against Children" training last week in Guam for law enforcers, social service providers, victim service providers, and community stakeholders, including local, federal, and military counterparts. The training was funded by the Department of Justice Office of

### ON THE NET

ProjectSafeChildhood.gov

## WAGE

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A law signed by President Barack Obama in December 2009 delayed the yearly 50-cent minimum wage hike from May to September this year.

The succeeding increases will also be every Sept. 30 until the CNMI's minimum wage reaches the federal wage floor of \$7.25 an hour. The CNMI will reach that rate in 2015.

Sablan said he is happy to see another 50-cent increase in the CNMI's minimum wage next month, but said he would like to see a reprieve in the next round of increase in 2011.

"I have absolutely no objection putting another 50 cents an hour in the pocket of our people. I am happy also that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and HANMI joined me in endorsing the effort to increase the minimum wage by Sept. 30," Sablan said in an interview.

He said both the Chamber and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands are fine with this year's increase, but not next year's.

The delegate was referring to a June 3 joint letter he received from HANMI and the Chamber.

HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa and Chamber president Douglas A. Brennan told Sablan that the minimum wage increased by 66 percent from \$3.05 an hour in 2007 to \$5.05 on Sept. 30 this year—a "tremendous step forward" in fairly compensating the CNMI's workforce.

"Unfortunately, the balance of the Commonwealth economy has not kept pace with the increases in the minimum wage," they said.

Nishikawa and Brennan, in their four-page letter, said it is in nobody's

interests—not workers, not businesses, and not the government—for uncontrolled cost increases to lead to business closures.

They said that wage increases should not come about at the expense of jobs, adding that it is now appropriate to allow the rest of the economy an opportunity to catch up with the increasing minimum wage rate.

"We ask that you support a one-year moratorium on the annual 50-cent increase scheduled for calendar year 2011, and that the impact of the minimum wage increases in the Commonwealth be again studied and reported back to Congress by the (Government) Accountability Office in 2012, prior to the resumption of the increases," they told Sablan in their letter, a copy of which was obtained Thursday afternoon.

Sablan said he would want CNMI businesses ample time to prepare for next year's increase.

American Samoa Delegate Eni Faleomavaega wanted a delay in the 50-cent increase in minimum wage in American Samoa for 2010 and 2011. In April, he reached an agreement with House Committee on Education and Labor chair George Miller to modify existing law.

In mid-May, Sablan joined this effort and they all worked out language that was acceptable to Miller. Sablan said he only wanted a delay for the 2011 increase in the CNMI.

Faleomavaega, in an Aug. 6 statement, said Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Lisa Murkowski, chairman and ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, agreed to attach the minimum wage language to H.R. 934, a bill that Sablan introduced to convey certain submerged lands to CNMI.

Faleomavaega said H.R. 934 was, in all probability, one of the few options left to include minimum wage language for American Samoa prior to the next scheduled increase going into effect on Sept. 30, 2010. One of the senators agreed to lift his hold on minimum wage delays for American Samoa and the CNMI if the submerged lands request was taken out of H.R. 934.

"However, Congressman Sablan was unable to agree to this condition, and so the Senate was unable to pass either our minimum wage delays or Congressman Sablan's submerged lands request."

He said Bingaman then agreed to amend HR 3940 and attached the American Samoa and CNMI minimum wage language to it. However, the Congress went into recess before a complete review of the measure.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo originally introduced H.R. 3940 and cosponsored by the delegates to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States. H.R. 3940 passed the House but the Senate had concerns, said Faleomavaega.

"If we are able to pass it in the Senate by unanimous consent, it will come back to the House, but not for a vote. The House will only need to concur to send it to the President for signature," Faleomavaega said.

He and Sablan remain hopeful that the delay in the minimum wage increase will get inserted to the measure before Sept. 30 of this year.

"That's a joint effort between me and Eni Faleomavaega. I support his request," Sablan said.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office has also participated and will continue to participate in public awareness and outreach events, including presentations to our students, parent groups, teachers, the private sector, and community partner, about online solicitation and child sexual exploitation, bullying and cyberbullying and sexting," said Limtiaco.

Since fiscal year 2006, the department has filed 8,464 Project Safe Childhood cases against 8,637 defendants. These cases include prosecution of online enticement of children to engage in sexual activity, interstate transportation of children to engage in sexual activity, production, distribution and possession of child pornography, and other offenses.

In Guam, nine PSC cases have been filed against 10 defendants. In the CNMI, three PSC cases have been filed against four defendants.

Despite vigorously fighting all aspects of child exploitation, the department recognized that more work remains to be done. To that end, the department's strategy lays out goals to increase coordination among the nation's investigators, better train investigators and prosecutors, advance law enforcement's technological capabilities and enhance research to inform decisions on deterrence, incarceration and monitoring. The strategy also includes a renewed commitment to public awareness and community outreach. **(DOJ)**

## STUDY

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of moves required to get the cube from any given muddled configuration to the color-aligned solution.

"Every solver of the Cube uses an algorithm, which is a sequence of steps for solving the Cube," said the team of mathematicians, who include Morley Davidson of Ohio's Kent State University, Google engineer John Dethridge, German math teacher Herbert Kociemba and Tomas Rokicki, a California programmer.

"There are many different algorithms, varying in complexity and number of moves required, but those that can be memorized by a mortal typically require more than forty moves."

"One may suppose God would use a much more efficient algorithm, one that always uses the shortest sequence of moves; this is known as God's Algorithm. The number of moves this algorithm would take in the worst case is called God's Number. At long last, God's Number has been shown to be 20."

The research, published online, ends a 30-year search for the most efficient way to correctly align the 26 colored

## AIRLINES

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including its blue-gold-white globe image on the tail, combined with the new-style UNITED name on the fuselage.

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## Senate approves excise tax on imported bottled water

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

On a 9-0 vote, the Senate passed on Thursday a House bill imposing an excise tax on the sale of imported bottled drinking water.

Under Rep. Sylvester Iguel's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-26, an excise tax of 1 cent per fluid ounce or its fractional equivalent will be imposed on entities selling imported bottled drinking water.

The Senate, however, amended HB 17-26 to give each senatorial delegation an authority to impose an excise tax of 0.5 cent per fluid ounce or its fractional equivalent on all bottled water produced, bottled or manufactured in that senatorial district.

"The respective delegation shall appropriate revenues as appropriate," the Senate said in its amendment.

HB 17-26, Senate Draft 1 goes back to the House.

The bill also permits senatorial delegations to impose an excise tax on locally bottled water for the benefit of scholarship, education, health or other similar programs.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) initially offered to exempt imported medicated and infant water from the excise tax but later decided against it.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said he supports the measure all because it will support the scholarship, education, health and related programs.

cubes that make up Erno Rubrik's 1974 invention.

"It took fifteen years after the introduction of the Cube to find the first position that provably requires 20 moves to solve," the team said. "It is appropriate that fifteen years after that, we prove that twenty moves suffice for all position."

Using computers lent to them by Google—the company won't disclose how many or how powerful they are—the team crunched through billions of Cube positions, solving each one over a period of "just a few weeks."

The study builds on the work of a veritable pantheon of Rubik's researchers, starting with Morwen Thistlethwaite who in 1981 showed 52 moves were sufficient to reach the solution from any given Cube position.

By May 1992, Michael Reid showed 39 moves were always sufficient, only to be undercut a mere day later by Dik Winter, who showed 37 moves would work.

Rubik's enthusiasm extends not only to God's number, but the speed with which the tricky puzzle can be solved.

The current world record holder is Dutch Erik Akkersdijk who successfully solved the puzzle in just 7.08 seconds.

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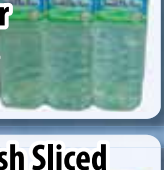
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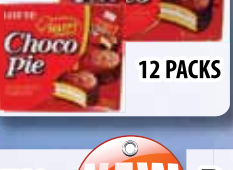
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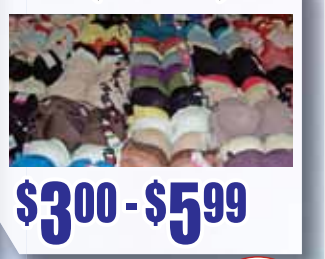
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### EDITORIAL

## Don't be harsh on babies

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Some politicians want to start deporting babies. They want to deny citizenship to children born in the United States to immigrant parents who are undocumented.

This is an extreme position, but one taken by almost 100 Republicans in the House and three Republican senators (Lindsey Graham, S.C., Jon Kyl, Ariz., and Mitch McConnell, Ky.).

Since 1868, the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution has recognized everyone born here as a citizen. Now Republicans, who used to consider themselves the defenders of tradition, want to trample on that 142-year-old American tradition.

Graham's recent backing of this constitutional revision is surprising, since he had supported giving legal status to undocumented workers.

In a recent interview, Graham explained his theory that undocumented mothers cross the border to "drop and leave" their babies in hospitals.

Graham's comment is grossly offensive. Immigrants come to America to work and pursue a better life. And immigrant moms don't desert their babies.

Graham and his cohorts point out that many countries do not automatically grant citizenship to a child born on a nation's soil.

But we're not just any country.

This is the United States of America, a country that pursues high ideals of inclusion, diversity, freedom and equality.

What's most troubling is how taking away citizenship rings with racism. The 14th Amendment was passed to ensure that all people born here, no matter the color of their skin, would be considered citizens.

Some states did not want to recognize blacks as citizens after the Civil War.

Now in the 21st century, some white Americans remain concerned that too many brown babies are being born.

Yes, our immigration system is broken, and as President Obama said, it is a "moral imperative" to fix it. Secure the borders, make the process fair, but do not blame infants in the process.

If you are born on this soil, you should have the same rights as anyone else.

We are a nation of immigrants.

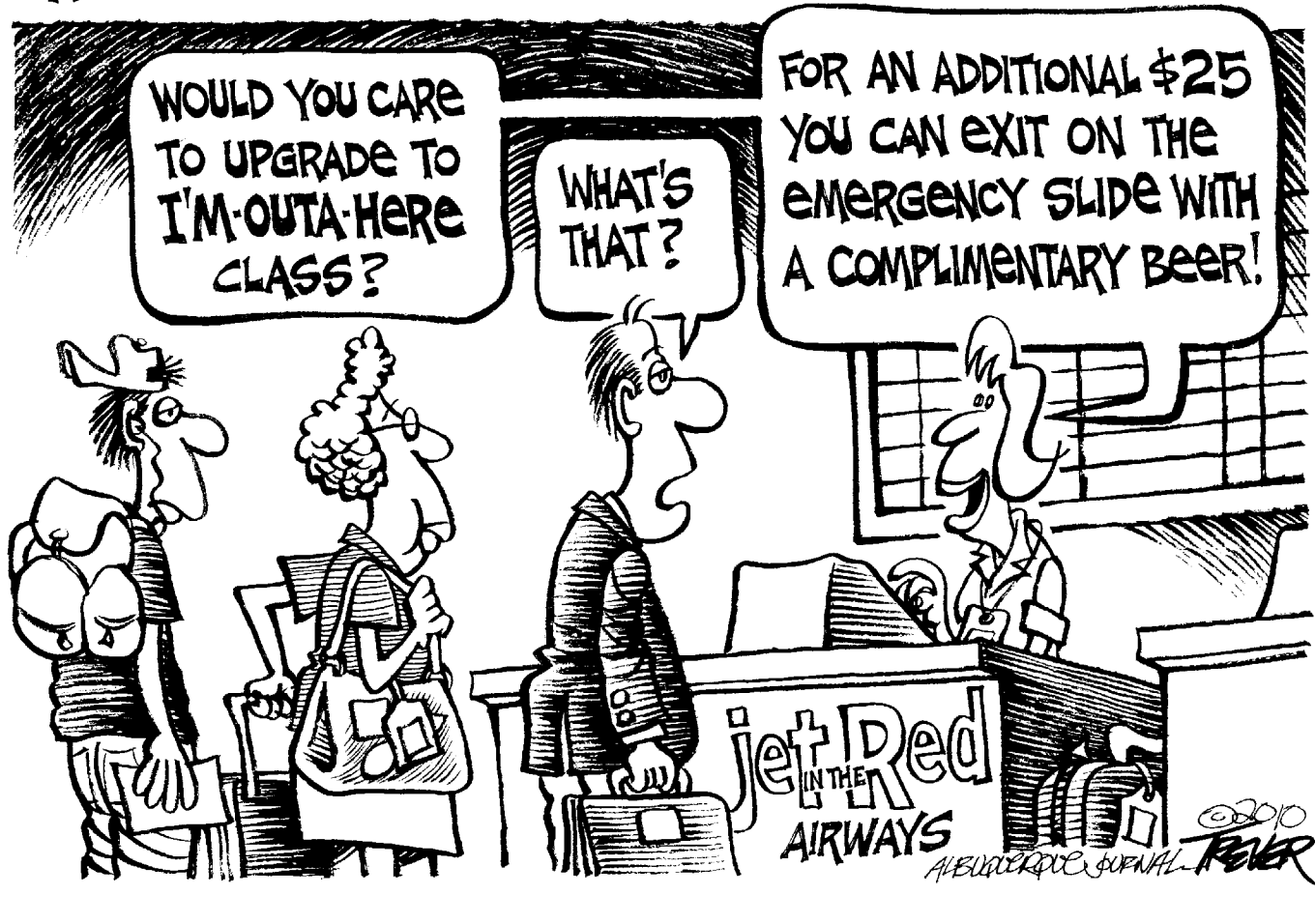
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A place that strives to be a beacon for the world.

And a place that likes babies.

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## AIRLINES CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR NEW REVENUE SOURCES:



## Pat Tillman's mother on Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal: I told you so

By MARY TILLMAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal was forced to retire because of remarks he made to a Rolling Stone reporter. Having read the article that led to his departure, I feel strangely validated. "The Runaway General" described by journalist Michael Hastings is exactly the arrogant individual I believed him to be.

McChrystal was in charge of Joint Special Operations Command in 2004, when my son, Pat, was killed in Afghanistan. But I didn't become aware of him until March 2007. That's when someone anonymously sent an Associated Press reporter a copy of a high-priority correspondence. The memo was written on April 29, 2004, by McChrystal and sent to Gen. John P. Abizaid, Gen. Bryan Douglas Brown and Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr. Its purpose was to warn President George W. Bush and other officials to avoid making public comments about Pat's heroic death at the hands of the enemy, because it was beginning to seem "highly possible that Corporal Tillman was killed by friendly fire."

The memo went on to caution against "unknowing statements by our country's leaders which might cause public embarrassment if the circumstances of Corporal Tillman's death become public."

We knew nothing about this memo at the time it was written. In fact, we did not learn until weeks after Pat's memorial service that it was even possible he was killed by friendly fire.

The memo makes it clear there was no intention of telling the truth unless circumstances made it absolutely necessary. Much later, during Brig. Gen. Gary Jones' investigation of Pat's death, McChrystal was asked why we were kept in the dark.

"Question: Once you became aware that this was a possible fratricide, was there a conscious decision made not to tell the family of the possibility?"

"Witness: There was a conscious decision on who we told about the potential because we did not know all the facts. I did tell the senior leadership (long redaction) about the possibility prior to the memorial ceremony, because I felt they needed to know that before the ceremony. I believe that we did not tell the family of the possibility because we didn't want to give them a half-baked finding."

McChrystal says they didn't want to give us a half-baked finding. Yet that is exactly what they did. Rather than being told there were questions about Pat's death, we were presented with a contrived story, an absolute lie about how he had been killed by enemy fire.

What many people don't realize is that Pat's autopsy and field hospital report were very suspicious from the start. The autopsy gives a

description of Pat's body that led us to later question if the autopsy was even his, and the field hospital report contains language that suggests he was alive when he was brought back to the field hospital at Forward Operating Base Salerno. Yet soldiers' statements indicated Pat was decapitated by the barrage of bullets, and he was deemed killed in action by the medic on the scene.

These horrifying discrepancies raised dire questions. Even the medical examiner called for a criminal investigation, but the adjutant general prevented it from going forward. By covering up the circumstances of Pat's death, McChrystal and the rest of the chain of command may have, knowingly or unknowingly, covered up a crime.

McChrystal's actions should have been grounds for firing him back then. That is why it was so disturbing to us when President Obama instead promoted McChrystal to the position of top commander in Afghanistan last year. At the time, I sent the president an e-mail and a letter reminding him of McChrystal's involvement in Pat's coverup. In the letter, I suggested McChrystal be "scrutinized very carefully" by the Senate Armed Services Committee. Pat's father and I both gave statements to the media reiterating that McChrystal should be properly vetted. We had real knowledge of McChrystal's questionable behavior, of actions that should perhaps have disqualified him from this position, and we felt it would be negligent not to do something. Our entreaties fell on deaf ears.

After McChrystal was forced to step down in June, I was contacted by several reporters and asked to give my thoughts about McChrystal, but I declined to comment. I hadn't read the piece in its entirety, so it seemed inappropriate to respond. Now, though, I have read and thought about the article. Obama clearly had no choice but to relieve McChrystal of his command. But how sad that the president and Congress didn't properly scrutinize the general a year ago.

People have asked, "Why is Pat so special that so much attention is given to his death?" I understand that question. Thousands of soldiers and Marines have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of their families have also been lied to, yet those deaths have not received the attention Pat's did. And Pat's death continues to be in the news.

Pat's story initially became news because he was well known for having played in the NFL. The government used his fame to create propaganda for the war. Pat is not more important or special than any of the others who have fought in these wars, but the truth of what happened to Pat—and to every soldier who has died—is important. The truth shines a light on systematic corruption, incompetence and lack of accountability in the military and in government.

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# Hamid Karzai and America's Vietnam mistake

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**A**mid growing debate about whether the United States should stay in Afghanistan, one issue of agreement is that Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, is both the central figure in the war and its weakest link.

Recent embarrassing controversies between Karzai and Washington—including a move this month by the Afghan leader to hinder U.S.-backed anti-corruption investigations in Kabul—reveal a troubling pattern in U.S. foreign policy. U.S. leaders have a tendency to hail flawed foreign leaders as the saviors of their countries, only to publicly disparage them later for not meeting America's lofty expectations.

In dealing with the erratic and unreliable Karzai, Washington is replicating the pattern of exaltation and subsequent blame-shifting it followed five decades ago with South Vietnamese leader Ngo Dinh Diem. That episode produced famously disastrous results.

In October 1954, President Eisenhower wrote a letter to Diem stressing the goal of “developing and maintaining a strong, viable state, capable of resisting attempted subversion or aggression.” To leaders in Washington, backing South Vietnam was deemed critical to preventing the expansion of communism. And in Diem, they thought they had the man to do the job.

Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs Walter Robertson proclaimed in a 1956 speech: “Asia has given us in President Diem another great figure, and the entire free world has become richer for his example of determination and moral

fortitude.” Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., hailed Diem as “one of the real heroes of the free world.”

By the end of the 1950s, however, U.S. officials were growing concerned about Diem's autocratic political style and nepotism. Worse, support for Diem's government among the Vietnamese people was eroding.

President Kennedy inherited that dilemma. Pledging in his inaugural address to “support any friend, oppose any foe” to ensure the success of liberty, the new president was determined to take a strong stand in Vietnam. But Diem's mounting unpopularity and ineffectiveness posed a major problem for U.S. policy.

Fast-forward five decades, and Washington encounters an eerily similar situation in Afghanistan. Just as success in South Vietnam was deemed essential to blunt the communist threat, success in Afghanistan is deemed crucial to the war against terrorism. And once again America is linked to a deeply flawed leader with whom U.S. officials have become disillusioned.

As in the case of Diem, U.S. policymakers initially lavished praise on Karzai. In 2002, the newly installed Afghan leader was an honored guest at the State of the Union address, and in 2004, President George W. Bush spoke of Karzai as a man of “honor, courage and skill” and pledged America's “ironclad commitment” to help his country succeed.

But also as in the case of Diem, allegations of corruption and Karzai's apparent contempt for democratic norms—and his growing domestic unpopularity—have reached the point that U.S. officials are reacting with anger. In November 2009, Karl W. Eikenberry, U.S. ambassador to Kabul, bluntly warned his superiors that Karzai “is not an adequate strategic partner.”

## Why was aid team killed?

By **TRUDY RUBIN**  
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**R**eviewing the news from the last two weeks during which I was enjoying a vacation, I've been gripped by the story of 10 medical aid workers murdered last week in Afghanistan.

This human tragedy provides some insights that may surprise you about the prospects for progress in the Afghan war.

The aid team, six of whom were Americans, was attacked while returning from an arduous trip to a remote area of northeastern Afghanistan where they provided medical services to Afghan villagers. The Taliban took “credit,” claiming the group was proselytizing. That charge was patently false: The International Assistance Mission, a Christian group that organized the trip, forbids proselytizing and has a long track record to prove this. So did the aid workers.

Indeed, these humanitarians were acting out of love for this complex country and its people. They were not naive do-gooders: Tom Little, 61, an optometrist and the group's leader, spoke Dari and had worked in the country for 35 years, even under Soviet occupation and Taliban rule. Dan Terry, 64, had also spent decades in the country and spoke Dari; in Taliban times, he had sometimes provided saline solution to armed men with eye problems.

Karen Woo, 36, a British surgeon, quit a lucrative practice in order to treat Afghan women. Glen Lapp, a nurse from Lancaster, was following the long-standing Mennonite tradition of doing humanitarian service abroad.

## We need to discover the real Florence Nightingale 100 years after her death

By **SUZANNE GORDON** and **SIOBAN NELSON**  
PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

**A**ug. 13 is the 100th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale, a fitting time to see who she really was and what she really did.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote of her—in his 1857 poem “Santa Filomena”—as the Lady with the Lamp, who “flitted from room to room” kissing “speechless sufferers” in the “glimmering gloom.” But Nightingale was far more than a devoted do-gooder. She was a radical and visionary health-care reformer who revolutionized the organization of hospital care, promoted public health and pioneered the formal education of nurses.

Although she is best known for her work in nursing, today she is most relevant for her focus on patient safety.

For more than 40 years, from the battlefields of Crimea to her invalid bed in London, she waged a relentless campaign to improve health outcomes. “The very first requirement in a hospital,” she wrote is “that it should do the sick no harm.” To protect patients from harm, she was a pioneer of health statistics and gathered data on infection and mortality rates. She used this data to develop scientific principles that covered everything from hospital design, sanitation, kitchens, diet and, importantly, the organization of care.

Her best-seller, “Notes on Nursing,” which remains in print today, was actually a manual on the prevention of infection and the management of symptoms. It guided everyone involved in the care of the sick, from households to hospitals. Through her efforts, hospitals began to transform themselves from dirty, chaotic and disease-ridden death traps into modern, safe and effective institutions.

Nightingale was also one of the first pioneers in public health. She was deeply concerned with what those in that field would now call the “social determinants of health.” She was concerned about the impact of the environment on people's well-being, and she firmly believed that better housing, sanitation and diet were fundamental to improving fitness. She also supported the development of home nursing to bring this message directly into the communities and houses of the poor.

One of her great disappointments was that she failed to convince the British government to bring clean water to India before railroads. Had she succeeded, cholera would not have cost the lives of millions of Indians in the 19th century, and the battle to reduce infant mortality would have been won a century ago.

Florence Nightingale was way ahead of her time. Not only nurses but doctors, hospital administrators and health care policymakers still have a lot to learn from this Victorian woman who spent 40

There is little doubt that if Washington could find a more credible replacement, it would dump Karzai. But perhaps the lesson of the Diem experience has induced caution. In 1963, the Kennedy administration gave a wink and a nod to the South Vietnamese military to stage a coup against Diem. But Diem's ouster (and killing) merely caused the already shaky U.S. mission in Vietnam to become even more untenable. U.S. leaders probably fear a similar result in Afghanistan if they encourage Karzai's opponents to remove him.

American policymakers need to overcome some deeply ingrained counterproductive habits. Not only do policymakers tend to overestimate the strategic importance of small Third World countries to U.S. national security, they also see foreign political clients through the prism of American ideals. Ngo Dinh Diem was never a genuine democrat, much less a “hero” of the free world. He was a garden-variety, corrupt autocrat.

The same appears to be true of Hamid Karzai. Policymakers are frustrated because he has not fulfilled Western expectations, but those expectations were always completely detached from the realities of Afghanistan. American leaders need to learn that if they don't want to get down in the muck with highly imperfect foreign clients, the U.S. needs to be far more selective about the places—and the reasons—it intervenes.

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ed and killed in the first half of 2010; the number of casualties is climbing. Afghanistan's human rights commission says the Taliban and their allies are responsible for 68 percent of the 1,325 civilian deaths they've recorded in the first seven months of 2010.

In these anarchic times, anything goes, even the killing of foreign guests bringing needed aid, something that would once have been anathema to local Afghan traditions of hospitality.

Semple points out something else important. Badakhshan, scene of the murders, is just across the border from the Pakistani tribal area of Chitral, which the insurgents use as a safe haven. “Many of the fighters have been inspired by (Afghan) mullahs trained in Chitral,” he says. The insurgency in Badakhshan is “closely integrated” with the Pakistani border areas.

This brings us to the main lesson from this outrage. By taking credit for the murder of the aid workers, the Taliban revealed its willingness to violate basic Afghan traditions. The villagers who welcomed the aid workers don't want to be ruled by such men, nor do the majority of Afghans.

The Taliban have made gains not because they are admired, but because the Kabul government has failed to deliver security—and because Pakistan has provided them a haven. Change those two metrics, and the Taliban will fail.

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### PAT

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Over the last five years, the Pentagon and Congress have had numerous opportunities to hold accountable those responsible for the coverup of Pat's death. Each time they've failed. The government didn't just lie to us; it lied to a nation.






*Mary Tillman is the author of Boots on the Ground by Dusk: Searching for Answers in the Death of Pat Tillman. A documentary featuring her and other family and friends will open in theaters Aug. 20. She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*



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# The Weather

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Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼76
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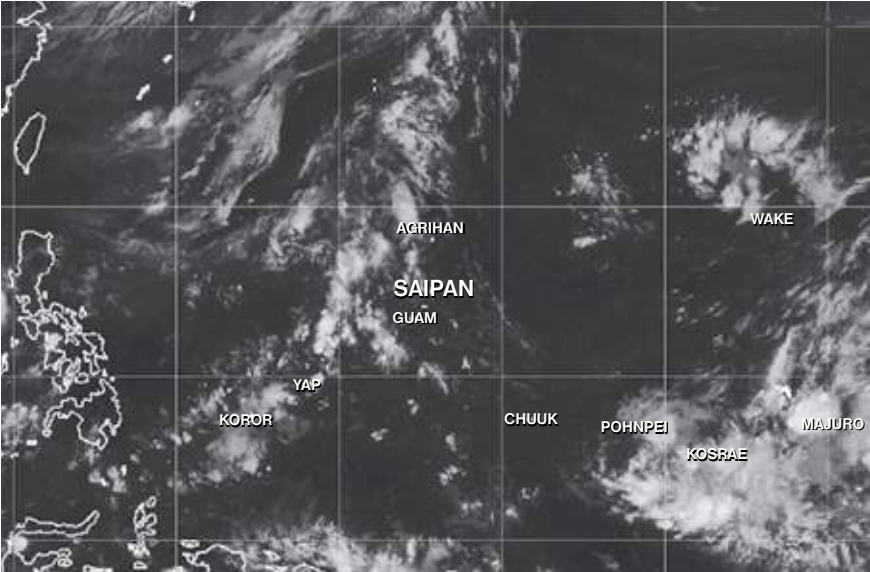
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### Tides

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### Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northwest of Wake Island at 21N164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Wake Island between 19N and 25N from 162E to 170E. Converging surface winds are coupling with upper-level divergence to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over a large area from Koror and Yap northeastward through just west of the Marianas to Iwo To Island. This area is within 140 miles of a line from 4N131E to 11N140E to 18N143E to 25N144E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and just south of Kosrae within 140 miles of a line from 6N156E to 3N160E to 2N168E. Similar conditions are also seen over Butaritari Atoll between the equator and 3N from 170E to 175E and over Majuro but just south of Kwajalein between 4N and 10N from 168E to 180.

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Tuesday	12:44 PM	
Wednesday	1:41 PM	12:14 AM

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<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA</b> DL640 7:40am 10:20am Daily	<b>NAGOYA-SAIPAN</b> DL641 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b> OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	<b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b> OZ120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b> OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b> OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
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<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				

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Schedule of Religious Services										
CATHOLIC										
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm										
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am										
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm										
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm										
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm										
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm										
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<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am										
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm										
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism										
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am										
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<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm										
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm										
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm										
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm										
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau, Call 235-0545 for directions										
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm										
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)										
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158										
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal										
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)										
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<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm										
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)										
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<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm										
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620										
<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm										
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)										
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm										
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<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan (Saturday Church Services)</b> Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm										
<b>First Baptist Church (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)</b> Afetna St., San Antonio Sunday <table><tr><td>9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am</td><td>Regular worship</td></tr><tr><td>6pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Wednesday <table><tr><td>7pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.			9am	Sunday school	10am	Regular worship	6pm	worship	7pm	worship
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<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center</b> Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism										
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<b>Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S										

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**Aug. 14, 1999**

**PSS has enough teachers**  
The Public School System filled over 100 teaching positions this school year, giving a guarantee that every classroom in the CNMI public schools has enough teachers, a PSS official said yesterday. “During the first week of school, every request for a teacher or teacher aide has been granted,” said Bill Matson, PSS budget official and CIP program coordinator. Matson said that aside from the 102 applicants who showed up at the job fair last June, PSS also accepted more applications recently. “In the last couple of weeks, we have hired more teachers and teacher aides. Some of them are teachers who left last school year because of the financial instability of PSS,” Matson said. “They have come back to join PSS again.”

**MVA may get more funds for promotions**  
Despite worsening financial woes confronting his administration, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio appears sympathetic to requests by the Marianas Visitors Authority for additional money to fund its promotional activities and other advertising efforts in key tourism markets. The governor met with MVA officials the other day to discuss the possibility of finding other sources of funds for their immediate needs. But as with other agencies begging for more money, there is no assurance the government will grant its request. “They just want us to find additional funding for their advertisement. They want to know if there’s available money for them... so that they could promote more,” Tenorio told reporters. While he did not indicate how much MVA is asking, the local chief executive noted that more than \$2 million was set aside by the administration for its advertising and promotional needs under the current fiscal budget.

**Aug. 14, 2000**

**Gov’t hires experts on PCB**  
As part of its continuing investigation into the polychlorinated biphenyl contamination in Tanapag village, the CNMI government has hired legal and environmental consultants to advise officials on how to oversee the scheduled cleanup of Cemetery No. 2. The services of Testlaw Practice Group (The Team for Environmental Science and Technology Group) and Meridian Hydrotechnical Services were tapped by the Attorney General’s Office to ensure that the safety, health and welfare of Tanapag residents are properly addressed by the U.S. Army Corps during remediation efforts. Both firms are located in South Carolina. Testlaw has started reviewing all documents related to the PCB contamination. “The law firm will be providing options to the government not for the purpose of litigation but to make sure that the cleanup will be properly done,” said Assistant Attorney General Murphy Peterson.

**BPL designates land for water reservoirs**  
The Board of Public Lands has designated approximately 5,000 square meters of public lands in China Town and Chalan Laulau for proposed water tank reservoirs. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, which has been tasked to construct and operate the reservoirs, needs to coordinate survey work for the parcel of lots, according to Division of Public Lands Director Bertha C. Leon Guerrero. The move followed a request from the House of Representatives, through Rep. Jesus T. Attao, to deed the lands specifically for such project.

**Aug. 14, 2001**

**CDA blocks amendments to investment ‘come-on’ law**  
The Commonwealth Development Authority opposes the passage of a measure that would amend the Investment Incentive Act, saying the proposed law would cater to only a select few and would further cripple the ailing CNMI economy. In a letter to Senate President Paul Manglona and House of Representatives Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, the CDA said that House Bill 12-380, which would primarily benefit past investors, violates a fundamental principle of law that past consideration is not adequate consideration under the law. “It seems that some old special interest pre-Act investors are not willing to pay for the benefits. Instead, they want their past acts and investments to count,” said CDA Executive Director Mary-Lou S. Ada, referring to investors who entered the CNMI before the passage of the Investment Incentives Act.

# Business

## Jobs picture dims as unemployment claims rise

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy is looking bleaker as new applications for jobless benefits rose last week to the highest level in almost six months.

It’s a sign that hiring remains weak and employers may be going back to cutting their staffs. Analysts say the increase suggests companies won’t be adding enough workers in August to lower the 9.5 percent unemployment rate.

First-time claims for jobless benefits edged up by 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 484,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That’s the highest total since February. Analysts had expected claims to fall.

Initial claims have now risen in three of the last four weeks and are close to their high point for the year of 490,000, reached in late January. The four-week average, which smooths volatility, soared by 14,250 to 473,500, also the highest since late February.

The report “represents a very adverse turn in the labor market, threatening income growth and consumer spending,” Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, wrote in a note to clients.

Even the lowest mortgage rates in decades are a gloomy sign for the economy. Average rates on 30-year fixed mortgages fell to 4.44 percent, Freddie Mac said Thursday. While that’s good for people looking to refinance or buy a home, low rates haven’t been enough to energize a struggling housing market.

Those yields were pushed even lower this week after the Federal Reserve downgraded its assessment of the economy on Tuesday and announced a program to buy more Treasurys to help lift the recovery.

The stock market has been falling since the Fed’s more pessimistic outlook. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 58 points on Thursday and is down more than 300 points for the week.

Economists closely watch weekly claims, which are considered a gauge of the pace of layoffs and an indication of employers’ willingness to hire.

The government’s July jobs report, released Friday, showed that the economy lost a net total of 131,000 jobs last month. Excluding the impact of the elimination of 143,000 temporary census jobs, the economy added a meager 12,000 positions, as layoffs by state and local governments almost canceled out weak hiring by businesses.

Another four days, if testing shows it’s needed.

Last month, after a cap meant to be temporary was fitted on top of the broken well and halted the oil flow, crews pumped in mud and cement from above in a so-called “static kill.” Some of the cement may have gone down into the reservoir, come back up and plugged the space between the inner piping and the outer casing—which is what engineers were hoping to do with the bottom kill, Allen said.

“A bottom kill finishes this well. The question is whether it’s already been done with the static kill,” he said.

Officials are testing pressure levels in that space between the inner piping and outer casing. Rising pressure means the bottom kill still needs to be done, Allen said. Steady pressure may mean cement already has plugged that space.

However, Allen said tests won’t show how much cement is in the space, making the original plan for a bottom kill a better way to ensure the well is permanently plugged.



# Nation

## Judge keeps gay marriage on hold—for now

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—The federal judge who struck down California's gay marriage ban said Thursday that same-sex weddings can resume next week unless an appeals court intervenes before then.

The news raised hopes among gay couples that they soon could tie the knot after years of agonizing delays.

"We just want equal rights. We're tired of being second-class citizens," said Amber Fox, 35, who went to the Beverly Hills Municipal Courthouse on Thursday morning in hopes of marrying her partner. The couple wed in Massachusetts in June but wanted to make it official in their home state.

The Foxes left the courthouse without exchanging vows after the ruling by Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker in a case many believe is destined for the Supreme Court.

Walker decided to give gay marriage opponents until next Wednesday to ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals to block same-sex weddings while it decides their appeal. If the appeals court chooses not to get involved, Walker said county clerks may begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Walker last week struck down the state's gay marriage ban, known as Proposition 8,

saying that the voter-approved law is unconstitutional.

Charles J. Cooper, the lead counsel defending the ban, said Thursday that he intends to ask the 9th Circuit to block gay marriages from going forward.

"The decision whether to re-define the institution of marriage is for the people themselves to make, not a single district court judge, especially without appellate scrutiny," Cooper said.

The delay disappointed dozens of same-sex couples around the state who had hoped to marry immediately.

"It's sad that we have to wait a little longer, but it's been six years," said Teresa Rowe, 31, of Suisun City who went to San Francisco's City Hall on Thursday morning with her partner to fill out a marriage license application.

Scott Campbell, 41, and Scott Hall, 35, had to tell family members en route to the Beverly Hills courthouse for the ceremony to turn back.



A man who identified himself as Richard prepares a sign in opposition to gay marriage Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, outside City Hall in San Francisco.

## Obama to sign \$600M border security bill Friday

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Determined to show a commitment to stopping the flow of illegal immigrants, the Senate convened a special session Thursday and passed a \$600 million bill to put more agents and equipment along the Mexican border.

The voice vote in the nearly empty Senate chamber sends the legislation to President Barack Obama, who planned to sign it into law on Friday. Obama had urged Congress to channel more money toward border security amid complaints

from states besieged by undocumented immigrants and illegal drug trafficking.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the chief sponsor, said the measure would provide Obama and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano "with the boots on the ground and the resources necessary to combat the crime and violence."

Obama said the bill would help protect communities along the Southwest border and across the country.

"And this new law will also strengthen our partnership

with Mexico in targeting the gangs and criminal organizations that operate on both sides of our shared border," he said in a statement.

House Democrats had also called a special session, summoning lawmakers back from their summer break Tuesday to pass the border security bill and a \$26 billion aid bill to keep teachers and other public workers from being laid off. Both issues—jobs and border security—are among those expected to be on voters' minds when they go to the polls in November.

off. Officers seized him after he was paged over the intercom and told to report at a ticket counter.

### Docs discover pea sprouting in Mass. man's lung

**BOSTON (AP)**—The doctor confirmed the good news for Ron Sveden once the mass in his left lung came back from the lab: He didn't have cancer. He had a pea sprouting inside his chest. "A couple days in a dark, wet environment, I'd sprout too," Dr. Jeff Spillane said Thursday. "It definitely had a sprout." It was a long way from the diagnosis Sveden, 75, had feared when he arrived at Cape Cod Hospital on Memorial Day weekend. The former teacher, who also had spent years running a retail fish market and smokehouse, had seen his already-frail health begin to falter further in prior months. He already knew he had emphysema but lately was having bad coughing spells. "Everything seemed to be going downhill," said Sveden, of Brewster. "I seemed to be tired a lot more. I didn't want to do too much. My appetite was diminishing." The news sounded even more dire when he was told at the hospital that he was dehydrated and suffering from pneumonia. Then came X-rays showing a small but ominous dark spot—then biopsies that came up negative for lung cancer.

# World

## New rain piles on misery for China flood survivors

**ZHOUCU, China (AP)**—Rain caused new landslides and swelled rivers Thursday in the remote northwestern China region where hundreds died in massive slides triggered by weekend flooding.

Heavy rains were forecast in the coming days—up to 3.5 inches (9 centimeters) was expected on Friday—and the National Weather Center said the threat of more landslides along the Bailong River was "relatively large."

An overnight deluge triggered mudslides that swept away six houses in Xizangba village, blocked a river near Libazi village, and obstructed a key road used to ferry relief goods, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing local authorities in Gansu province.

Another mudslide in nearby Tianshui city buried seven people, though two were quickly rescued, Xinhua said. In another part of Gansu, 250,000 residents of Chengxian county faced the threat of flooding as waters rose in the Donghe River, local officials said.

Tents set up as emergency shelters were flooded, and traumatized victims said the storms were a frightening reminder of the deluge that brought on Sunday's disaster in which three villages in Gansu's Zhouqu district were swallowed in waves of mud and rubble-strewn water. Hundreds of homes were completely buried, and the death toll was 1,117 as of late Wednesday.

Xinhua reported that 630

people were missing, but hopes of more rescues were fading as the last two reported survivors were found Wednesday.

Residents said they could hear cries for help coming from collapsed buildings overnight Thursday and some 40 soldiers were sent to search, army officer Zhang Guiquan told Xinhua. "We will seize every chance to find survivors, but it is also important to ensure the safety of rescuers," he said.

Government officials say the scale of the disaster has made counting the dead all the more difficult, noting whole households have died. Bodies were wrapped in blankets and tied to sticks or placed on planks and left on the debris-strewn streets for pickup.

## Governor: Violence paralyzes Mexico border areas

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Some areas of Mexico along the U.S. border have been paralyzed economically by drug violence, and the governor of the border state of Tamaulipas said Thursday the federal government should send relief funds.

Violence has affected tourism, commerce and investment, Gov. Eugenio Hernandez said during an anti-crime strategy meeting between Mexican state governors and President Felipe Calderon.

"It is necessary to send ad-

ditional funds to reactivate the economy in the affected zones," Hernandez said. "The climate of lack of safety has reduced the flow of foreign investment, and it is urgent that a promotional campaign be designed to improve the country's image."

Hernandez did not specify which areas were paralyzed, but people in Tamaulipas cities such as Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa and Matamoros on the border with Texas say bloody turf battles between drug gangs have caused a falloff in busi-

ness. Much of the region's employment comes from foreign-owned border assembly plants.

Speaking on the other side of the border, U.S. Ambassador Carlos Pascual agreed.

"Cartel-driven violence has moved southward to Mexico's business capital, Monterrey, forming a 'northeastern triangle' of violence among Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey," Pascual said Thursday, according to a prepared text of his remarks in the border city of El Paso, Texas.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Myanmar junta sets election date of Nov. 7

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Myanmar's first election in two decades will be held Nov. 7, the ruling junta announced Friday, finally setting a date for long-awaited polls that critics have dismissed as a sham designed to cement military rule. The brief announcement by the Election Commission was carried on state TV and radio. "Multiparty general elections for the country's parliament will be held on Sunday Nov. 7," said the announcement, which called on political parties to submit candidate lists between Aug. 16 and Aug. 30. Ahead of the polls, the ruling military junta has passed many laws and rules criticized as undemocratic and unfair by detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and the international community.

#### Canadian navy boards migrant ship

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)**—Canadian security officials boarded a cargo ship Thursday carrying hundreds of Tamil asylum seekers from Sri Lanka, including some people Canada has said may be terrorists. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said 490 are onboard and said the vessel MV *Sun Sea* has declared them to be refugees. But he said the government has concerns that there may be members of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, or Tamil Tigers, on board. Canada has labeled the Tamil Tigers as a terrorist group since 2006. The ship is off the coast of Vancouver Island and is traveling at a slow rate of speed. The government has been preparing tents on seaside military facilities to house the people from the ship, and jails have been warned they

could receive new inmates.

#### Uganda suicide plot meant to kill more Americans

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)**—The confessed mastermind of bomb attacks against World Cup soccer fans said Thursday he had hoped to kill many more Americans in the explosions in which 76 people, including one American, died last month. Reporters learned at a press conference in which four arrested suspects appeared that the death toll from the three explosions would have been much higher if one of them hadn't backed out at the last minute. Haruna Luyima, the younger brother of the confessed plotter, said he had been tasked with planting a fourth device at a dance hall. "But when I reached there I wondered why so many people watching football on television should be killed over nothing," the 27-year-old said.

#### Moroccan protesters block Spanish enclave border

**MADRID (AP)**—Demonstrators in Morocco blockaded a Spanish enclave for hours Thursday, restricting trucks from making food deliveries in a dispute over alleged police violence and racism against Moroccans entering the city. The protest just outside the city of Melilla, which is claimed by Morocco, came a day after the kings of the two traditional allies spoke by telephone to try to calm tempers in a conflict that has been simmering for three weeks. Police said protesters at dawn prevented all trucks from entering Melilla, interrupting shipments to the centuries-old Spanish city of 70,000 at the tip of North Africa between the Mediterranean and northern Morocco.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Stabbing spree suspect nabbed before Israel flight

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Elias Abuelazam was about to board a plane for Israel when police arrested him in connection with a three-month stabbing spree that left five men dead, 13 others wounded and a Michigan city in terror. In the moments before the bald, pudgy man in flip-flops and shorts was handcuffed, passengers saw him nervously talking on his cell phone, insisting he wasn't violent. The Israeli citizen and legal U.S. resident was charged Thursday in just one case out of Flint, Mich., the battered industrial city where most of the stabbings occurred, but authorities said more charges are expected there and in Ohio and Virginia. At least 15 of the 18 victims were black but it was unclear whether the attacks were racially motivated. Flint residents hope the arrest ends their summer of fear. Roughly every four days since late May on average, the killer approached men on lonely roads at night, asking for directions or help with a broken-down car. Then he'd pull out a knife, plunge it into his victim and speed away; in one case he used a hammer. The youngest victim was 15; the oldest 67. Abuelazam, 33, was arrested late Wednesday at a boarding gate at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport shortly before his plane to Tel Aviv was to take



# DO YOU KNOW ?








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PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

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## RP Consulate mulls aid for Filipino employees of Palms Resort

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The Philippine Consulate General has taken an interest in the plight of the Filipino contract workers who will be affected by the closure of Palms Resort Saipan.

"The Consulate is deeply concerned with the impending closure of Palms Hotel for renovations and the difficulties that affected OFWs will experience in the very near future," Consul General Medardo Macaraig said in an email response

to *Saipan Tribune*.

In a news briefing last Thursday, Palms Resort Saipan chairman and chief executive officer David Wickline said they will close down the hotel to undergo a multi-million renovation project.

Because of the renovation project, Wickline said they would have to terminate 70 of its 120 employees, most of whom are guest workers.

Palms Resort Saipan management informed all employees about the closing of the hotel and the renovation project on Wednesday.

The 70 employees who will

be terminated were given 60-day notices while the remaining 50 were retained as they will be critical for the closing of the hotel and securing of the hotel property.

According to Macaraig, the hotel management also informed their office about the impending closure and the handing out of the notices on Wednesday.

"It is a management decision to stop operations during the renovation but I was assured that the rights of affected workers under federal and CNMI laws would be observed," he said.

Macaraig said the Consulate

sent a representative for a follow-up meeting with the Palms Resort management, the employees, and CNMI Labor officials.

"However, at that meeting, it was deemed inappropriate to discuss how the Consulate could help them as not all workers are Filipinos," said Macaraig, adding that they will have a separate meeting with all affected Filipino employees of Palms Resort.

"The Consulate shall continue to serve these OFWs to the best of its ability despite the recent turn of events and the constraints and difficulties that we all face," he added.

## A sixth of US command ship in Pacific is Filipino

MANILA, Philippines—One-sixth or about 120 of the 650 sailors of the United States command ship in the Pacific is Filipino, said Captain Rudy Lupton, USS *Blue Ridge* commanding officer.

USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), which is the command ship of the US 7th Fleet with control over 45 ships and area of responsibility from Hawaii to India, arrived for a scheduled four-day goodwill tour here August 4 in order to "strengthen ties between the two countries through shipboard tours, activities, and community service projects."

Captain Rudy Lupton, commanding officer of the 636.5-foot long ship, said he believes that this visit to Manila will be a rewarding experience for his crew.

"Manila is an exciting port of call for the crew," Lupton said. "Our sailors are looking forward to relaxing, participating in community service projects, enjoying the local culture and experiencing all that Manila has to offer."

The visit is more special to those with friends and relatives still in the country.

One of them, Ship Service-

man Archie Burdeos, born and raised in Manila and from Cavite, said he might visit some kin during the visit.

"It's a mix of feelings when I see my family because, like many other times I've seen them while in the Navy, it was unplanned but exciting," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Edgar Tando.

But even those without acquaintances here are excited to have a taste of what the Philippines means to them.

"This port visit is pretty exciting. I will get to do a little golfing, sightseeing, try the local food, and maybe even meet Manny Pacquiao," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Chris Silk.

One of *Blue Ridge*'s community relations projects in Manila will be a Habitat for Humanity project, where *Blue Ridge* and embarked 7th Fleet Staff Sailors will be able to help build a daycare and learning center.

"I am excited that I will be able to help others clean up the environment. If I am able to help others by making a learning environment possible, then that is the best feeling in the world," said Ship Serviceman Seaman Quinton Lewis.

## Teaching US-born Filipino kids the *abakada*

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REPORTER

Patriotic Filipinos would perhaps be of the same opinion that August, the eighth month of the year, is especially significant because it is considered the *Buwan ng Wika* [National Language Month] in the Philippines.

A number of previous Philippine presidents had issued several proclamations declaring different dates for the observance of national language.

But after the celebrated 1986 People Power revolution, then President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino issued Proclamation No. 19, which stated that the celebration of *Linggo ng Wika* [National Language Week] would be observed from Aug. 13 to 19.

That particular week was chosen to honor the birthday of former President Manuel Luis Quezon, who is acknowledged as *Ama ng Wikang Pambansa* [Father of the National Language].

To reinforce the celebration of *Linggo ng Wika*, former President Fidel Valdez Ramos declared August as *Pambansang Buwan ng Wika* through Proclamation No. 1041 issued on Jan. 15, 1997.

To observe such a patriotic occasion would have been simple enough for Filipino parents who raise their young in the Philippines.

But things get a little more complicated for Filipino families who have nurtured their children on a foreign territory like Saipan.

In a land where English is predominantly spoken and where children have to learn how to



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Twins Alyanna and Corin Mercado pose with classmate Natalie Montano during the culmination activity of Ridge to Reef Rangers on July 30. The twins are part of the population of U.S.-born children born to Filipino parents here in the CNMI.

speak the Chamorro language in school, Filipino parents who have U.S.-born children have to deal with the challenge of maintaining their children's Filipino identities.

Cora Mercado adheres to what Philippine national hero Jose Rizal said, "*Ang hindi magmahal sa sariling wika ay higit sa hayop at malansang isda*" [One who doesn't love one's native language is worse than an animal or a stinking fish.], in making her four lovely brood understand the value of learning the language.

"It tells us about the importance of language in a person's life. Through language, my kids can communicate with other people and learn the culture," she said.

An accountant by profession, Mercado gave birth on Saipan to Anne Genevieve, 13; Anne Marielle, 12; and 9-year-old twins Alyanna and Corin.

Mercado said both Genevieve and Marielle are fluent in Tagalog because they lived in the Philippines for six years, while the twins can understand and speak quite a few terms.

The two older daughters make believe that they are teachers as they try to teach the Filipino language to their twin siblings, she added.

"They're Filipinos by blood, so I want them to learn the language. It's also a way for them to learn the Filipino culture,"

said Mercado.

Monette Pangilinan, also an accountant, said her 14-year-old son Jordan and 11-year-old daughter Janelle have learned more Tagalog words since they regularly watch The Filipino Channel on cable.

Pangilinan, who hails from the Bicol region, said she sometimes talk to her kids in her native language so that they can learn about her hometown.

Both Mercado and Pangilinan believe that their children's understanding and comprehension of the Filipino language will help them tremendously when they vacation in the Philippines or when they move there for good.

## DUE TO OFW REMITTANCES

### RP's int'l gross reserves hit \$48.6B in July

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The country's reserves of foreign currencies, which indicate the Philippines' ability to import and engage in other commercial transactions with the rest of the world, settled at a "very comfortable" \$48.6 billion as of July, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The BSP said in a report released Friday that the latest gross international reserves (GIR) were up 21 percent from the \$40.17 billion recorded in the same period last year.

Monetary officials said the rise in the GIR was consistent with the modest global economic rebound.

Improving employment opportunities, and therefore, aggregate incomes of Filipinos working overseas, helped boost remittances sent to the Philippines, the BSP added.

Central bank officials also said the recovery has increased

risk appetite of investors, thereby fueling foreign investments—mostly the portfolio type—in emerging markets like the Philippines.

Since the start of the year, hot money inflow has been increasing steadily, they said.

The GIR as of July, however, marked a 0.2-percent decline from \$48.7 billion in June.

The month-on-month fall was attributed to the drop in prices of gold in the international market, said the BSP.

The government also withdrew some of its foreign currency-denominated deposits from the central bank to pay off maturing liabilities.

Besides foreign currencies, gold also accounts for a portion of the country's GIR.

Reports said that average gold price fell to \$1,169 per ounce in July from \$1,244 in June.

Data from the central bank showed that gold accounts for nearly 14 percent, at \$6.68 billion, of the country's GIR.

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**SCHOOLS VS TEACHERS****Education sector split on 12-year basic education**By **TARRA QUISMUNDO**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—The education community is divided on the proposal to extend the 10-year basic education cycle by two years.

Private schools are in favor of expanding the system to 12 years but with curriculum retention, while teachers' groups would like the government to focus first on what is lacking in the current system.

The Federation of Associations of Private Schools and Administrators expressed support

for the Aquino administration's plan to place the Philippine education system on a par with international standards but said there is no need to revise the curriculum.

"The Revised Basic Education Curriculum is still in its infancy. It was thoroughly studied under seven [education] secretaries and some of the best minds," said FAPSA president Eleazardo Kasilag.

The basic education curriculum was last revamped in 2002, a revision that was implemented after a 16-year study.

Kasilag said private schools

may implement the new basic education cycle after a year of implementation in the public schools as adjustments—new facilities, additional teachers and teaching materials—would have to be put in place.

"We know in our hearts that private schools have beyond what is seen. We are rich in spirit, but ragged in goods for some FAPSA schools. Private schools have more will than wallet," he said.

The Teacher's Dignity Coalition (TDC) meanwhile called on education officials to give priority to perennial problems plaguing the educa-

tion system, like the lack of classrooms, inadequate supply of books and errors in their content, and the shortage of teachers, among others.

"Aspiring to reach global standards is OK with us. [But] we can do that only when we've already solved the problems of the lack of classrooms, teachers, etc. If the government can promise that they can do both (solve current problems then expand the education cycle), then we will support that," said TDC spokesperson Emmalyn Policarpio.

The Department of Education

is putting together a proposal for the 12-year basic education cycle—called K+12 (Kindergarten plus 12 years)—which they hope to put into motion by October.

Education Secretary Armin Luistro said the plan includes integrating practical skills in the curriculum to develop high school graduates who will be able to land employment even without a college diploma.

He noted that students leave school at different levels of education as their families are no longer able to support their education.

**Laguna police uses Facebook to net top criminals**By **ABIGAIL KWOK**  
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**CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna**—Catch a criminal through Facebook.

This is the new tactic employed by the Laguna provincial police office, as it utilizes the popular social networking site to net in some of the province's most wanted criminals.

In an interview here on Friday, Senior Superintendent Gilbert Cruz, provincial police chief, said they launched on Thursday the "Laguna's Most Wanted Criminals," a Facebook page containing profiles of wanted criminals in the province.

Cruz explained that the Facebook page contains 30 photo albums representing the 26 towns and four cities of the province.

Each album consists of the top 10 most wanted criminals in each town and city.

Cruz said that aside from photos, each criminal profile contains the arrest warrants and crimes they are charged with.

To date, the Facebook page has already over 7,000 "likes."

"We recognize the power of Facebook," Cruz said, adding, "Anyone who sees anyone suspicious can check this page."

Cruz said he is personally moderating the Facebook page. Tips and information they receive are quickly verified by their police units on the field.

The official said they are planning to expand the page and put in more wanted posters of criminals in the future.

"In the future, we want the entire PNP to emulate this kind of innovation," Cruz said.

**Ombudsman says 'euro generals' lied**By **KRISTINE L. ALAVE, ALCUIN PAPA**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—The 12 retired and active police officials and three civilians involved in the case of the so-called "euro generals" lied about the source of the money they were carrying in Moscow in 2008, according to initial findings of the Office of the Ombudsman.

It was also found that the money comprised a private fund, contrary to the officials' assertions at the Senate inquiry that the 105,000 euros (P6.9 million) seized from then Director Eliseo dela Paz at the Moscow international airport had come from the Philippine National Police's contingency funds.

In a press conference Thursday, Assistant Ombudsman Jose de Jesus Jr. said the fact-

finding probe of the agency's Field Investigation Office had been completed.

"[The investigation] produced a complaint affidavit that will be the basis for preliminary investigation," De Jesus said.

"According to the transcripts of the Senate hearings, the money came from PNP funds. But the FIO found that it was a private fund belonging to Eliseo dela Paz," he said, adding that the complaint that resulted from the FIO inquiry had been sent to another department in the Office of the Ombudsman for preliminary investigation.

Only on Wednesday, Sen. Miriam Santiago assailed the Office of the Ombudsman for the slow resolution of corruption cases despite the recommendations issued by the Senate.

Santiago said the commit-

tee reports on the scandals involving the "euro generals," the P728-million fertilizer fund scam, the road user's tax scam and the scuttled National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp. had been pending too long with the Ombudsman.

**Cover-up**

Assistant Ombudsman Joselito Fangon, who headed the initial probe, said government records had indicated that the money found on Dela Paz was not part of the PNP's contingency or intelligence funds, and that the police officials "covered up" the source of the money.

Fangon said Dela Paz himself, the PNP comptroller at the time, would have to explain the provenance of the money at the preliminary investigation.

He said it was the officials'

claim that they were carrying government funds that did them in.

The FIO complaint cited, apart from Dela Paz, the following PNP officials for violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act: Avelino Razon (former director general), Samuel Rodriguez, Orlando Pestano, Tomas Rentoy III, Elmer Pelobello, Romeo Ricardo (former director for plans), Emmanuel Carta, Ismael Rafanan, Silverio Alarcio Jr. (former director for operations), German Doria (former director for human resources and doctrine development) and Jaime Caringal.

Razon, Pestano, Pelobello, Ricardo, Carta, Rafanan, Doria Alarcio, Caringal and Dela Paz have retired from the service.

The civilian respondents include PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa's wife Cynthia Verzosa, Dela Paz's wife Maria

Fe dela Paz and PNP supplier Tyrone Ng Arejola.

Arejola is facing charges of falsification of public documents. He testified at the Senate inquiry that he gave Dela Paz 45,000 euros for the purchase of luxury wristwatches.

The recommended charges for Rodriguez, Pelobello, Ricardo, Carta, Rafanan, Doria, Alarcio, Caringal and Dela Paz are falsification of public documents, violation of the passport law and perjury.

**Criminal charges**

PNP Director General Verzosa had earlier ordered the filing of criminal and administrative charges against Dela Paz and the other eight officials who joined a Philippine delegation to the 77th Interpol General Assembly in St. Petersburg, Russia, in October 2008.

On the group's way out of Russia, Dela Paz was detained at the Moscow international airport for carrying 105,000 euros (P6.9 million) in undeclared cash in excess of the allowable limit.

**RICE YIELD SLOWS DOWN**

In this Dec. 20, 2009 photo, a farmer prepares rice seedlings for planting in Guinobatan township, Albay province in central Philippines. A study by an international team of scientists, which was published Monday Aug. 9, 2010 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a peer-reviewed scientific journal, a projected rise in temperatures because of climate change will slow down the growth of rice production in Asia. The study builds on previous findings that rising temperatures during the last 25 years have already cut the rice yield growth rate by 10 percent to 20 percent in several places in Asia. A decline in rice production means that more people will slip into poverty and hunger, the researchers said.

AP

**Fishing boat from Leyte sinks off Iloilo, Antique, says Coast Guard**

The Philippine Coast Guard has launched search and rescue operations for 10 persons on board a fishing banca which sank off on Tuesday night between Iloilo and Antique provinces.

Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo, PCG commandant, dispatched 10 persons on board the FBCA Salvan of unknown GT/NT which sank around the vicinity of Iloilo and Anini-y, Antique, at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Coast Guard Action Center received information from Coast Guard District Western Visayas, stating that based on information received from Coast Guard Station Puerto Princesa, at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday,

a certain Mrs. Felicisima Atay requested for search and rescue for his brother Elizaldo Alfredo and nine other crew members on-board FBCA Salvan.

Based on the initial investigation, FBCA Salvan departed Dawahon Bato, Leyte enroute to Palawan for fishing venture at 5 a.m. but due to unfavorable weather and sea condition, subject FBCA sank while transiting in the vicinity of Iloilo and Anini-y, Antique at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

While half-submerged, Elizaldo Alfredo contacted Mrs. Atay through her cell phone asking for help and informing her of their

last position and situation.

Upon receiving the report, Coast Guard District Western Visayas immediately directed the BRP Davao del Norte to conduct search and rescue operations and departed port of Iloilo with Special Operations Unit divers on board.

The team was expected to arrive in the vicinity by 4 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Coast Guard Action Center also immediately sent notice to mariners and attempted to contact cell phone numbers of crew of FBCA Salvan but with negative result. (PNA)

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# Filipinos in Iraq press govt for ruling on travel ban

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Filipinos in Iraq are asking the Philippine government to decide on the possible lifting of the travel ban to the war-torn country, days after the United States military's Aug. 9 deadline for the start of the repatriation process for third-country nationals whose countries have such bans lapsed.

Their comments are posted to an INQUIRER.net story that the Philippine government has sent Special Envoy Roy Cimatu to Iraq to assess the security situation there. However, since Cimatu's arrival on Aug. 7, the

government has not announced any decision.

In a telephone interview, Cimatu apologized and said he could not divulge his assessment. He said it has been decided in Malacanang that it would come out with a statement on his report.

"I hope you understand. Maybe they have other considerations apart from my assessment," he told INQUIRER.net.

Despite the travel ban, Department of Foreign Affairs estimates that about 8,000 Filipinos are in Iraq, many of whom want the five-year travel ban lifted.

"What is the Philippine government waiting for? An assessment if Iraq is safe? What

a joke! How many cases of abuses are there in the other ME [Middle East] countries where we export Filipinos? How many Filipinos have just been repatriated to the Philippines from Jeddah? Please compare to Iraq and then talk about safety. The issue is, WALANG NAKUKUHANG PERA ANG GOBYERNO NG PILIPINAS FROM THE OFW'S IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN [the government doesn't earn off the OFWs in Iraq and Afghanistan]!" one of them, pinoydproduct, said.

Some are less angry and try to explain that they are actually safe inside the US military facilities, doing various maintenance work for monthly salaries

reaching P100,000. They argued that if they were really in danger, they themselves would ask to be repatriated.

Some point out that Nepal, the other country mentioned in the US military directive regarding third-country nationals' repatriation, has already lifted its own travel ban to Iraq.

The US military is scheduled to pull out of the country by 2011, starting with a major drawdown by the end of August.

In light of this, US military authorities in Iraq on July 20 directed its private contractors and subcontractors to identify within 20 days their foreign workers there who have violated US, Iraq and their respective

countries' laws and policies. The directive also ordered their contractors to develop a plan for their repatriation.

Cimatu left for Iraq July 20 and returned August 7. Apart from the security assessment, his instructions were to study options to address the situation and concerns of OFWs.

In its news release announcing Cimatu's departure for Iraq, the DFA said the inter-agency committee—composed of the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Foreign Affairs department, the Department of Labor and Employment and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, among others—was expected to issue

policy guidelines following the special envoy's findings and recommendations.

The Philippine travel and labor deployment ban has been in effect since July 2004, following the kidnapping of OFW Angelo dela Cruz "[because] of continuing volatile security there," the DFA said.

The Migrant Workers Act, or Republic Act 8042, mandates that the government adhere to strict guidelines in allowing the deployment of Filipino workers to other countries, and imposes heavy penalties on government officials who allow the deployment of migrant workers without the guarantees required by law.

# Pacquiao enlisted for Mindanao peace awareness drive

**OZAMIZ CITY, Philippines**—Mindanao peace activists say they expect greater public awareness of efforts to achieve peace on the island following Sarangani Representative Manny Pacquiao's willingness "to champion the cause of Mindanao peace."

Mary Ann Arnado, secretary-general of the non-government Mindanao Peoples Caucus (MPC), said Pacquiao has agreed to lend a hand to the advocacy for Mindanao peace during an audience at his Batasan office early this week.

The meeting was part of the efforts of Mindanao peace advocates to drum up support for the peace talks, which started August 9.

The MPC has organized a 24-man weeklong lobby mission dubbed "Conversations with Mindanao Grassroots," in which leaders of Moro, Lumad and migrant settler communities on the island interact with government officials in the national

capital to push for a "broad people-based agenda for ending age-old social animosities."

The weeklong mission was to wind up this weekend, with the two-day National Solidarity Conference on Mindanao at the University of the Philippines.

Over 100 people from the diplomatic community, foreign donors, the negotiating panels of the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) were invited to the conference on August 13.

The mission also said it was dismayed by erroneous reports about the MILF preparing for war.

"We know what's happening on the ground; they are ready for talks. We are here (in Manila) to lend it further boost," Catholic priest Chito Sukanob of the Marawi prelature said by phone.

He said for peace advocates, they know that similar reports should be downplayed.

"And what is most important is that the ordinary people,

whose lives are constantly rocked by intermittent skirmishes, have very high expectations from both the government and the MILF," Sukanob said.

Arnado said the boxing champ-turned-politician was not the only one showing support for the peace agenda.

"Aside from Pacquiao's commitment, we also heard encouraging responses from other legislators on the question of striking a political negotiated peace with Moro rebels," she told the Inquirer over the phone.

Arnado said even the lobby mission's meeting with Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin was "very fruitful."

She said Gazmin, who had a stint in the Lanao provinces as a military officer, was "open to listening" and had "a receptive attitude."

The defense department, she said, was in the process of developing a plan in support of the peace negotiations.



## DEMOLITION

Children cry as demolition crew, unseen, aided by police, demolish their shanties at a poor neighborhood at Manila's Quezon city Thursday Aug. 12, 2010 in the Philippines. Hundreds of squatters were forced to abandon their homes following the demolition.

## PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

### Pinoy arrives with \$140,000, keeps only \$10,000

**MANILA, Philippines**—Authorities apprehended on Wednesday a Filipino passenger who brought in \$140,000 cash after arriving at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Carolina Gozon, who arrived aboard Korean Air flight at around 10:30 p.m., was accosted by customs agents after intelligence operatives claimed to have received information that she was carrying cocaine or heroin when she arrived. No drugs were found, but Customs agents found instead \$140,000 in four bundles of 100-dollar bills. Gozon was later released for further investigation but only with \$10,000. The rest was forfeited in accordance with a 1993 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas circular which forbids outgoing or incoming air travelers from carrying more than \$10,000 cash without authorization from the BSP. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

### Women's group raises concern over death of girl beaten by brothers

**BACOLOD CITY, Philippines**—Two Negrense women's groups have expressed concern over the death of a 5-year-old girl after she was allegedly beaten by her two elder brothers for refusing to do an errand. The Provincial Council for Women (PCW) of Negros Occidental chapter and the Development Through Active Women Networking (DAWN) Foundation Inc. expressed shock over the incident of family violence which occurred last Saturday in Calatrava, 129 kilometers from Bacolod City. Though the brothers might not

have had the intention to kill their sister, such use of force or brutality on the part of young children should be a concern both of the government and the private sector, Silay Councilor Marie June Pavillar-Castro, PCW secretary and DAWN Foundation program officer, said on Wednesday. Calatrava police chief Ramil Sarona said that the victim, whose identity was withheld, was dying when their mother arrived at their residence in Barangay (village) Bantayanan, Calatrava on Saturday. (*Inquirer Visayas*)

### Fishing tycoon included anew in slay rap

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima has ordered the inclusion of shipping and fishing magnate Lope Jimenez in the case of the murder of Ruby Rose Barrameda, sister of former beauty queen and actress Rochelle Barrameda, while denying the motion for reconsideration of the slain woman's estranged husband to be excluded from the case. In a press conference Thursday, De Lima said she granted the partial motion for reconsideration filed by Barrameda's parents, Roberto and Asuncion, to include Jimenez in the charge, reversing an earlier decision by her predecessor, Agnes Devanadera. However, De Lima maintained Devanadera's order to include Manuel Jimenez III, the victim's husband, in the murder charge. "I consider as erroneous the previous exclusion of Lope Jimenez, the uncle, from the indictment," De Lima said, adding that in the testimony of Manuel Montero, a witness to the killing in 2007, "(Lope) Jimenez was most guilty." (*Inquirer.net*)

## Binay suspends 6-month contribution to Pag-Ibig by OFWs

By JERRY E. ESPLANADA  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Vice President Jejomar Binay, also the government's housing czar, has ordered the suspension of a Philippine Overseas Employment Administration directive for a compulsory six-month contribution to the Pag-Ibig fund as a precondition for migrant workers' deployment abroad.

Binay, chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, also called for a "thorough study" of the POEA memorandum and "more consultations with affected sectors," especially Overseas Filipino Workers, or OFW groups.

In a statement, Binay said the study would cover "not only the legality of the policy, but also the propriety of mandating an advanced payment as a precondition to deployment abroad."

Binay said, "The guiding principle should be govern-

ment helping OFWs and not as a burden to them."

The POEA recently issued a directive compelling OFWs to pay an initial Pag-Ibig fund membership contribution of P600 as a prerequisite to the issuance of the labor department-attached agency's Overseas Employment Certificate.

The POEA circular became effective on August 1 as required by Republic Act No. 9679, or the "Home Development Mutual Fund Act of 2009," which places informal sectors like OFWs under mandatory Pag-Ibig coverage.

The Riyadh, Saudi Arabia-based militant OFW group Migrante-Middle East had assailed the mandatory contribution as another form of "legalized kotong [unjust vexation]."

John Leonard Monterona, M-ME regional coordinator, asked both President Aquino and Binay to do something about what he called an "unjust and anti-OFW policy."

Meanwhile, Binay directed the HUDCC to look into the "possible lowering of housing loan interest rates" to benefit poor families who wish to have their own homes.

Binay also said that under his stewardship, HUDCC would review the state's micro housing financing and development financing programs.

At the same time, he vowed to hasten the issuance of land titles to qualified beneficiaries in all state housing projects nationwide, including squatter relocation sites.

In a dialog with the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association, Binay disclosed that the government's housing backlog had reached 3.7 million units.

"A great number of Filipinos remain landless and homeless and poverty has forced many to leave their provinces to seek a better way of life in Metro Manila and in other urban centers," he said.



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## No talk, no mistake for Lovi

By **MARINEL CRUZ**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—“Very sensitive” is how young star Lovi Poe describes the drug-related arrest of her rumored boyfriend, Ilocos Sur Rep. Ronald Singson, and she’d rather not talk about it.

Lovi, daughter of the late actor Fernando Poe Jr., can only “hope everything will be OK.”

The congressman, son of Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis “Chavit” Singson, was arrested by immigration authorities on July 11 at the

Hong Kong International Airport after he was found in possession of 26.1 grams of cocaine and two tablets of the sedative Valium. He was charged with “trafficking in dangerous drugs.”

### Just exhausted

Lovi was recently seen crying in one of the dressing rooms of the GMA 7 variety show, “Party Pilipinas,” where she is a regular host. A co-mainstay reportedly had to pacify the actress.

Lovi denies that the incident was related to Singson’s troubles. “I was probably just

exhausted,” she says. “I didn’t expect someone to see me.”

But she is prepared to face media now, Lovi says, especially when the promotion of the new season of “Love Bug,” which stars her and newcomer Rocco Nacino, goes full-blast this month.

She knows that reporters will pressure her into discussing her relationship with Singson.

“I’m prepared for anything,” she tells Inquirer Entertainment. “I’ve been through a lot; facing people is not that hard for me. Some can be so inconsiderate,

but I manage to stay cool.”

She is grateful for work, which keeps her busy. “It is therapy for me,” Lovi says. She also draws strength from family and supporters, and prayers.

Lovi considers her recent three-day trip to Calauit and Busuanga in Palawan a welcome respite. She was there from Aug. 9 to 11 with Rocco to shoot some scenes for their TV series.

### Infectious laughter

In the series, Lovi plays Ada, a journalist who goes to Busuanga in search of a good story.

She meets Sinag (Rocco) and tails him, thinking he is the legendary and reclusive prince Kali from the Ilocos Region.

“I’m happy for this opportunity to work with Lovi,” says Rocco. “She’s easy-going, approachable and very humble. She has an infectious laughter.”

Rocco said he’s aware of Lovi’s worries these days. “I told her, ‘Matagal tayong magkakasama. If you need a shoulder to cry on, I’m just here.’ She just laughed. I’m sure she understood what I was trying to say,” he recounts.



Young star Lovi Poe

## Tried and twisted

By **BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.**  
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“Anything goes” on the set of the ABS-CBN game show “Twist and Shout”—a sadomasochistic combination of “Pinoy Fear Factor” and “The Singing Bee.”

Or as hosts Martin Nievera and Gary Valenciano would rather put it: “Anything can happen.”

Nievera, however, would never dare try one of the show’s “challenges.”

“I know there’s a market for near-death reality shows,” Nievera quipped. “It’s not because I’m scared of ruining my career. It’s not because of my ego... but week in and week out, I can see how hard the challenges are.”

If Nievera were to choose one test, or “weapon of mass distraction” as he has lovingly dubbed it, he’d try the Running Machine. “But only because I go on the treadmill... But then again, I’ve been never on a machine that goes this way and that.”

Upon seeing the new distraction called Thai Massage, Nievera had an instant change of heart. “That’s what I want.”

Valenciano would choose the Running Machine, too, and the Volcano. “I don’t do the treadmill. I bike, which exercises a different muscle group. I like the Volcano because a wind machine is part of my performances. But then again, the blowers in my shows are not as strong, cold and wet as the Volcano.”

The bigger hurdle for the two is speaking in Filipino, they confessed. “No one would believe me anyway, if I start speaking fluent Tagalog,” said Nievera. “I can speak Tagalog, but I need to get really comfortable on the set, which, I think, is happening now,” Valenciano pointed out.

The entire staff keeps them on their toes, said Valenciano. “They coach us on the set, which I appreciate because I

still have a lot to learn.”

The new show’s format is worlds away from Nievera’s old talk show “Martin After Dark.” It’s also quite a departure from Nievera and Valenciano’s current variety show “ASAP.”

“I was trained to talk lengthily with guests, but now I have to keep the pace snappy and the energy level high,” said Nievera. “People call me Mr. Pure Energy, but Martin’s energy is amazing, even after taping two shows back-to-back,” Valenciano related.

An even bigger challenge is keeping the contestants safe.

“That’s why we can’t go live. We have to tape, so we can check the distractions and the contestants before and after each take,” Valenciano said.

There’s a bunch of pros on the set, including a stunt coordinator (Badge Santos) and a medical team and safety marshals (led by Dr. Catherine Sabili).

When the Philippine Daily Inquirer photographer tried the Running Machine, his blood pressure, pulse rate and medical history were taken before the stunt. After the challenge, the doctor also gave the photographer a pain reliever.

The same tests were administered on the show’s celebrity and non-celebrity contestants.

“It’s a cross between a Japanese game show and a singing contest,” explained executive producer Rancy Recato. “It’s a franchise from Zodiac Entertainment. The original show is from the United Kingdom.”

“We take lots of precautions,” said associate producer Rose Casala. “The mic in the Ice Dip is hanging from the ceiling... so it won’t get wet and the contestant won’t get electrocuted.”

“Actually, our local version is a lot tamer,” Nievera insisted. “Our time slot is family-friendly.”

“We have to take Pinoy culture into consideration. We just want the show to be fun,” said Valenciano. “We don’t want the kids at home to imitate anything too dangerous.”

By **DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL**  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Miriam Quiambao finally ended all speculations about the real reason that she divorced her Italian husband, Claudio Rondinelli, when Ruffa Gutierrez and I interviewed her in “Paparazzi.”

“The final straw was our Hong Kong honeymoon,” she said, in tears. “It was not consummated. I felt neglected. I left my career and loved ones to relocate to Hong Kong with him *tapos gamun lang pala mangyayari*. It was only after six months that we got intimate. I wanted us to see a psychiatrist but I had to force him to go with me.”

Miriam continued: “Probably because it was a whirlwind romance, we were used to good times. When bad times came, we didn’t know how to handle them. But I wish him well. In fact, on my recent Hong Kong trip, we had lunch. I’m happy that he’s seeing someone now. My match will come, too.”

I got a text from Miriam later, which read: “I’m bothered about my revelation. It might put Claudio in a bad light. It’s not my intention to ruin his reputation. Hope *hindi pagpistahan ang* issue, so we can both move on.”

Like her winning first runner-up in the Miss Universe pageant despite her fall onstage, the all-heart beauty queen has picked herself up after all of love’s trials. Unlike in the pageant, she deserves to be second to none in a man’s heart.

### Wedding bells

I am overjoyed for Ogie Alcasid and Regine Velasquez. They are living proof that the old Pinoy saying, “Sa hinaba-haba ng prusisyon, sa simbahan din ang tuloy,” holds true. It made me all the more happy when Ogie said I’m invited to their long overdue wedding.

It will definitely be a music-filled ceremony. “It will mostly be my songs,” Ogie revealed. “Most likely, I will sing to Reg

## Miriam reveals why she divorced Italian husband



Former Miss Universe first runner-up Miriam Quiambao.

as I walk down the aisle to ask for her hand.” They want to keep the venue and the date private for now but it will happen before the year ends.

Guess they want to do a Juday-Ryan who kept their wedding hush. After all, they’ve spent half of their lives working hard to entertain us, and their music saw us through our own love stories.

Even just for a day, let’s give them space to fully enjoy the ultimate climax of their romance.

### Wacky mama

Make way for TV’s hippest and wackiest mama, Eugene Domingo, in GMA 7’s new comedy series “JejeMom,” which premieres Aug. 14 after “Kaya Ng Powers.” It takes a peek into the modern Pinoy household in the age of texting, Internet and the widely

popular JejeMom phenomenon.

Uge portrays Gigi a.k.a. “The JejeMom,” a single parent with an outrageous sense of humor. She juggles her time between her parental duties to only son G-Boy (Buboy Villar) and younger sister Lovely (Jennica Garcia) and her responsibilities as the trusty barangay secretary. Move over hot mamas, here comes one cool (and kulit) mama!

### Last love

IC and I watched the super kilig one-on-one interview of Mariel Rodriguez and Robin Padilla on “E-Live.” When Binoe gave Mariel a diamond ring as his birthday gift and said, “Ngayon lang ako nagbigay ng ring,” IC teased me. “So what did Binoe give you nung kayo pa, ma?” I couldn’t stop laughing as my

mind went on flashback mode. I’m sure all the girls who got involved with Binoe (check out Star Studio’s August issue for the complete casting) have their own stories to tell.

Been there, felt that. I’m sincerely happy for Binoe and Mariel. Hopefully, it’s the last time Binoe falls in love. Happiness could not have found a more deserving couple.

### Real score?

Although someone close to Rayver Cruz told me that Cristine Reyes is already the young actor’s girlfriend, she continues to deny it. Or is she just wary of admitting the real score between them because it might affect her team-up with Zanjoe Marudo?

Who’s the boyfriend material? “Neither. They’re just my good friends.” What’s the greatest love lesson she has learned so far? “To love myself first before I love someone else.”

Makes me wonder how love can be a teacher when hearts can never be taught. When Cupid hits us, we unlearn all the lessons and start from A again.

How’s that for Love 101? I must have a master’s degree on that already, but being the romantic fool that I am, I never really learn. I just charge it to experience.

### Career move

Mr. Fu got emotional when he finally confirmed that he’s leaving the station that gave him his first break to start a new masa station soon. He explained that money was one consideration but it was more of a career move for him to evolve as a radio personality.

When I cornered him at our Viva Cinema Channel show “Stop, Talk and Listen,” he revealed that his new home will be 103.5 WOW FM, to be launched on August 23. His program will still be in the prime time morning slot.

No doubt, Mr. Fu will outdo himself and wow his avid listeners even more with his unique brand of wit and humor.



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## EDITORIAL

### Outsource it

Taking a leaf from Jonathan Swift's "modest proposal for preventing the children of poor people in Ireland from being a burden on their parents or country, and for making them beneficial to the publick," and riding the global trend of taking work where it will be handled effectively and, most important, cheaply, we propose that the seemingly unenforceable task of identifying and apprehending drug traffickers be outsourced.

The idea is not as ridiculous as it may initially sound. Imagine the efficacy of allowing a drug trafficker unrestrained passage through security X-rays and obligatory pat-downs and thence into a plane, lulling the subject into thinking "so far so good" and into settling down to the sublime comforts of the first-class cabin, then awaiting the certain fall of the axe at the airport of the country of destination (Hong Kong, say, or better yet Singapore). It's a cinch.

Halfway attentive observers will note how the curious case of Ilocos Sur Rep. Ronald Singson is perfectly illustrative of this proposal. From accounts, on July 11 Gov. Chavit Singson's son breezed through Philippine immigration and such hurdles deemed pesky at best by people of similar circumstance, boarded a plane bound for Hong Kong, where, upon landing at the Chek Lap Kok International Airport, was found in possession of 26.1 grams of cocaine and two tablets of a sedative, arrested, and clapped in jail. His application for bail was quickly thrown out. He is due to appear in court on Aug. 19. Until then he remains behind bars.

Can this conceivably happen in the Philippines? Where money and entitlement, or a perverted sense of it, allow the law to be flouted in many creative ways?

Outsourcing law enforcement as it involves drug trafficking will concededly result in a black mark on Philippine pride. It will prove, after all, a long-held suspicion usually discussed with a smirk and a shrug: that our authorities are powerless to act against highly placed persons in apparent possession of contraband—in this case a lawmaker with, in the estimation of a veteran antinarcotics officer, intent to "test-sell" cocaine to a transnational drug syndicate.

But to be sure, our proposal will simplify matters immensely. For one, our enforcers will be spared the tremendous pressure of upholding the law in the face of a real danger to life and limb. (Remember that the young ensign Philip Pestaño was found shot dead after he resisted the loading of illegal logs and drugs onto his ship.) For another, it will do away with the practical matter of having to house and feed wealthy suspects in the manner to which they are accustomed. (Think, for just an example, of the high-living Ampatuans and their literal army of cohorts.)

And then there is the all-important issue of punishment. It's said that trafficking 10-50 grams of cocaine merits a prison term of five to eight years in Hong Kong. If the Honorable Ronald Singson, lawmaker and scion of an empire in northern Luzon, is found guilty of the crime, he will be sufficiently punished.

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## A test of Aquino's social commitment

The social commitment of the Aquino family to agrarian reform has always been suspect since President Corazon Aquino was swept to the presidency by the People Power Revolution of February 1986.

In his first State of the Nation Address on July 26, President Benigno Aquino III, who was elected by a landslide on the wings of change in a resurgent people power movement, ignored the issue of the distribution to the farmers of the 6,500-hectare Hacienda Luisita, which the Cojuangco family acquired from Tabacalera in 1882.

Both Cory and Noynoy were beneficiaries of a mass political movement called People Power, that had no social content and ideology whatsoever and did not generate any policy or program of social reform. They became heirs to and custodians of a legacy that has been barren of social purpose and that has not been driven by a mission to redistribute wealth from the very rich to the very poor.

When Cory Aquino announced her candidacy on Dec. 3, 1985, for the February 1986 snap election, she declared land reform as one of the pillars of her campaign. On Jan. 16, 1986, Cory delivered her second major speech in Davao and said, "Land-to-the-tiller must become reality instead an empty slogan. You will probably ask me: Will I also apply it to my family's Hacienda Luisita? My answer is yes."

This pledge was to haunt her for the rest of her presidency. It is now haunting her son, the heir to her Edsa People Power tradition.

Hacienda Luisita has become the first test of commitment to social justice of Noynoy's presidency. During the 2010 presidential election campaign, he said he owned only one percent of Hacienda Luisita, and wondered why he was being dragged into the issue. Although he remained oblivious of the issue during the campaign, it has kept coming back and he can no longer evade it. The issue has gained salience on the public debate on his legislative agenda and his

initiatives which have dominated the priorities of his administration.

Cory made agrarian reform her centerpiece program to promote social justice and agricultural development, and worked for the enactment of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law on June 10, 1988.

Hacienda Luisita Inc. (HLI) was incorporated on Aug. 23, 1988, or almost two years after Cory took office. The incorporation of Hacienda Luisita became a scheme to circumvent the social objective of CARP

of distributing land to the tillers. Hacienda Luisita was transformed into a mechanism to distribute stocks in lieu of land to its farm workers under the stock distribution option (SDO).

In 1988, nearly 5,000 hectares of the estate were placed under an SDO agreement between the landowners and farm workers. In 2005, the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council cancelled the SDO on grounds that it had failed to improve the lives of the farmer beneficiaries.

In May 2006, the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council rejected the HLI motion to reconsider the revocation of the SDO. In June 2006, the Supreme Court issued a temporary restraining order against the distribution of the estate.

Last Aug. 6, a compromise agreement seeking to end the 20-year-old dispute between the owners and farm workers was signed before an assembly of 800 people. The key feature of the agreement is the provision that will allow the farmers to choose between owning shares of stock in the corporation or taking possession of pieces of land from a third of the 6,500-hectare plantation. Once signed the agreement will be forwarded to the Supreme Court.

The deal is expected to set the tone of social policy of the Aquino administration on agrarian reform.



### Analysis

By AMANDO DORONILA  
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The three workers' unions in the Hacienda are divided over the deal. The United Luisita Workers Union denounced it as "illegal" because it does not conform with the 2005 directives of Presidential Agrarian Reform Council and the Department Agrarian Reform revoking the SDO scheme and ordering the redistribution of 4,415 hectares.

HLI spokespersons explained that only 1,366 hectares were covered by the new agreement because this was the area that

represented the Luisita beneficiaries' 33 percent share in the agricultural land.

President Aquino had taken a passive position on the compromise deal, leaving the institutional agencies concerned with the implementation of CARP to handle it. He has not expressed any preference for any option. The Left-wing allies of President Noynoy, especially those represented in the party-list system in Congress, have threatened to withdraw support for him if the land in Hacienda Luisita is not distributed to the farmers.

Some leaders of civil society groups have decried the deal. One of these was lawyer Christian Monsod, a member of the Constitutional Commission that drafted the 1987 Constitution. Monsod said, "The bottom line is that the Cojuangcos do not want to let go of the land." The deal runs counter to the "letter and spirit" of the 1987 Constitution, he said, because the Charter dictates that land should go to the farmers while landowners get just compensation in return.

"Now, it's a world turned upside down, with the landowners getting the land and farmers getting the compensation," Monsod said. "If you have economic and political power concentrated, you can turn the world on its head."

This test will show where the President's heart goes: to the hacienda workers or to his family.

## The underside of history

### Commentary

By JOHN J. CARROLL, S.J.  
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Historian Alfred W. McCoy made headlines in the Philippines when, shortly before the snap election of 1986, he showed that the medals for valor as a guerrilla leader claimed by President Ferdinand Marcos were fake. Since then he has by his archival research turned over more rocks to reveal the creepy things lying beneath. In his latest book, *Policing America's Empire: the United States, the Philippines, and the Rise of the Surveillance State*, he shows how the dark underworld of crime, subversion, vice and drugs in the Philippines has been linked to the bright, public world of politics. The link? The police and security forces, particularly their shadowy side: spies, undercover agents, specialists in covert operations, assassins. The currency passed up and down the system? Information, particularly incriminating information, scandal, graft, murder.

McCoy shows how the need to control a defeated but sullen and rebellious people in the first decades of 20th-century Philippines involved more than open military and police action. It also gave rise to a system of information collection on "individuals of interest" by spies and undercover agents of the occupying forces, with personal data all filed and indexed, a system unknown up to that time. It was developed by Capt. (later Gen.) Ralph Van Deman, the "father of U.S. military intelligence."

Spies, informants and undercover agents were used successfully in the early years of the occupation of the Philippines, to break up and defeat nationalist opposition to the American regime by raising mutual suspicions within the movement and setting one faction against another. But the scandal which they dug up could be—and was—used by both American and Filipino officials, to blackmail and control each other and eliminate rivals. Practically all of the

better-known names in the history of the time appear as either aggressors or victims, and in many cases both, of slander and blackmail—focused on sexual transgressions, financial irregularities or illegal gambling. These include William Howard Taft, Leonard Wood, W. Cameron Forbes, Dean Worcester, Manuel Quezon, Francis Burton Harrison, Sergio Osmeña, Rafael Crame. In 1930, the grandfather of the former first gentleman, Gov. Mariano Arroyo of Iloilo, was dismissed for protecting jueteng as a source of funding for his political party.

Methods of sleuthing in the early days were primitive but sometimes creative. In 1907, for example, acting customs chief H. B. McCoy hid an operative within a cabinet in the office of his rival Frank Cairns to eavesdrop on conversations, and had another one lying on a catwalk above Cairns' office ceiling, whence with binoculars he read through a tiny hole in the ceiling the combination when the latter opened his office safe—as a prelude to lifting incriminating documents.

This three-tiered pattern—a visible world of politics and an underground world of criminality and subversion, the two linked by a security establishment which is partly visible and partly hidden—has survived and become deeply entrenched in the structures of Philippine society. Covert operations have been used to control the labor movement; combined with psy-war techniques they were used brilliantly by Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay in defeating the Hukbalahap. Deep penetration agents were used against the Huks and with dramatic success against the New People's Army, creating suspicions that led to bloody purges of loyal members.

Tragically, these same covert operations led to thousands of cases of torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of activists. The Marcos regime used widespread terror to maintain its grip on power, with 3,257 executed, "disappeared" or victims of military massacre in 14 years. President Corazon Aquino's "total war" on the communists and support of vigilantes

and poorly trained and disciplined Cafgus had 2,696 such victims in just six years.

Meanwhile the "take" from illegal gambling, kidnapping and the drug trade—carried on often in connivance with corrupt elements in the security forces—continued to fuel political campaigns. This came before the sensational public disclosures of Gov. Luis Singson of President Joseph Estrada's effort to centralize the profit from jueteng in his own hands, disclosures which led to Edsa 2 and the fall of Estrada.

Most disturbing perhaps are McCoy's accounts of the Red Scorpion kidnap gang, the Kuratong Baleleng bank-robbing gang and the Abu Sayyaf. All three, it seems, were established under the Aquino regime as elements in covert military action, the first two against the communist underground and the third against the Muslim separatist movement. All three descended into sheer banditry under the Ramos regime. The extra-legal "termination" of members of the first two by agents of Vice President Estrada's Presidential Anti-Crime Commission led by Panfilo Lacson tarnished their images as crime-fighters and helped lift Estrada to the presidency.

The story of corruption, clandestine operations and scandal reached a crescendo under President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo: the "Hello, Garci" tapes, the fertilizer scam, the ZTE case, her links to reputed jueteng king Rodolfo Pineda. Her allies engaged in a bitter duel with Panfilo Lacson (whose funding reportedly proceeded from the drug trade) finally trumping the latter's privilege speeches with the revival of the Dacer-Corbito murder case.

Where the story will lead with the new administration remains to be seen. Perhaps McCoy's most disturbing reflection, however, is that this is not just a story of individual "bad guys." The three-tiered structure has functioned to preserve the power and interests of an entrenched oligarchy against an increasingly alienated and resentful lower class. President Benigno Aquino III, in other words, is faced by massive structural evil, with roots very deep in Philippine history.



# Maharlika – Samu't Sari

## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Saipan Ice and Water Co. Inc. congratulates its Employees of the Month winners and nominees for a job well done. "Your hard work and dedication is why we are the island's No. 1 choice in water. Thank you and let us continue to be committed to our community."



Franklin Iguel is named Employee of the Second Quarter 2010 and was awarded on July 22, 2010.



Silver Veloria is named Employee of the 1st Quarter 2010 and was recognized on April 15, 2010.



Nominees of the 1st Quarter are, from left, Silver Veloria, Asuncion Pagcu, Ikke Caputolan, and Miguel Laureta.



Nominees of the 2nd Quarter are, from left, Franklin Iguel, Manuel Agonoy, Maxima Lisua, and Brian Camacho.



## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Advanced happy birthday greetings go out to Gabriel "Ato" Cruz, who will be celebrating his 4th birthday on Aug. 15. Happy 4th birthday, Gabby! We love you so much. Love, mommy and daddy.



Happy 7th birthday to Kristina Jane Crisostomo! Love, your friends and family!



## CLASS REUNION

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Former students of the Philippine Consulate General's culinary arts and baking classes still keep in touch after graduation. This photo was taken during their recent get-together at Minatchom Atdao on Aug. 1.



## LIVELIHOOD INSTRUCTORS

CLARISSA V. DAVID

The instructors of the various livelihood courses offered by the Philippine Consulate Office through the Philippine Overseas Labor Office pose for the Saipan Tribune during their recent get-together at Minatchom Atdao on Aug. 1.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

G4S Security Services (CNMI) Inc. employee Peter Rogolifoi, center, is recognized with an Employee of the Month award for June 2010. Rogolifoi is shown here with G4S Operation supervisor Altaf Hossain, left, and Operation manager Moises K Pangelinan.



# YoungStyle



Singapore's Swimmer Amanda Lim, left, IOC President Jacques Rogge, second left, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, center, IOC Vice President Ng Ser Miang, second right, and Singapore's sailor Darren Choy, right, admire the Olympic flag at the Istana or Presidential Palace on Friday Aug. 13, 2010 in Singapore where the first ever Youth Olympic Games will start on Aug. 14.

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## Rogge has high hopes for inaugural Youth Olympics

GENEVA (AP)—International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge hopes the inaugural Youth Olympic Games will teach young athletes to embrace fair play and reject doping, racism and corruption.

Rogge will declare the inaugural games open in Singapore on Saturday, fulfilling his longtime wish to create a global, multi-sport event for young athletes.

"It's a preparation for their later Olympic life," Rogge told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "In a very modern and human way we are going to tell them things that are important that they have to acquire. I think that is the added value of the Youth Olympic Games."

The event will feature about 3,600 athletes—aged 14-18 and representing more than 200 nations—competing in the same 26 sports on the current Summer Olympics program.

Rogge said the athletes' village—"what I call this magical atmosphere"—will double as a large classroom for the Aug. 14-26 games.

"I believe I can say we are experts in staging major sports events," Rogge said. "But we are entering now a new field, the education field. We might make some errors in the beginning, but we will learn from them."

The IOC has sought to learn from groups such as the Boy Scouts and Girl

Guides movements, schools, child experts in the academic world and United Nations agencies.

Rogge hopes all this expertise will equip athletes for a lifetime of learning.

"We are not going to force-feed them with precooked information," he said. "Education is not only about the transfer of knowledge. It is about acquiring things, adopting them and executing."

Workshops will be held in the athletes' village to promote positive values and healthy lifestyles.

"Prevention of doping. Prevention of illegal betting because this is something that is coming up very much. Prevention of racism that unfortunately we see

## New Bratz dolls to hit shelves in August

NEW YORK (AP)—New Bratz dolls are heading to stores after a federal court overturned a ruling that their maker, MGA Entertainment, had to turn over the brand to Mattel Inc.

Two new lines of the doe-eyed dolls should hit stores such as Toys R Us, Target and Walmart by the end of August.

Bratz, the pouty-lipped, provocatively dressed rivals to Mattel's Barbie, have been scarce as Mattel and MGA battled over their rights. Last week an appeals court overturned a lower court's ruling upholding Mattel's claim that Bratz's designer was actually working for Mattel when he created them and Mattel should get ownership of the trademark. The case may be retried.

MGA, which launched the doll 10 years ago, is shipping several new Bratz products:

- "Passion for Fashion" dolls that retail for \$9.99 and come with extra clothes and accessories;

- "Party" dolls, which retail for \$19.99 and come with both day wear and party wear.

- a pair of twins, Roxxi and Phoebe, in a two-pack for \$24.99;

- two Bratz Boyz at \$10.99 each; and

- play sets such as a spa for \$49.99 and a club lounge for \$34.99.

The new Bratz have less makeup and more ample clothing

and are more flexible than earlier versions, said MGA CEO Isaac Larian. They have been in development since December, when the appeals court put on hold the order for MGA to hand over the trademark to Mattel.

The Bratz franchise was once worth as much as \$1 billion and was MGA's biggest brand. But its popularity peaked in 2005 and sales have been sliding since. Meanwhile, MGA launched its "Moxie Girlz" brand. SpinMaster also introduced "Liv" dolls. And Barbie, who long ruled the roost of fashion dolls, has been experiencing a resurgence.

While Bratz will be at all major toy retailers, it is unclear how much shelf space they will get.

"I think retailers are going to expect some special accommodation to be changing their shelf space allocations at such a late date," said Needham & Co. analyst Sean McGowan.

MGA said retailers set aside shelf space for the line in January, however. And Toys R Us spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh said the new Bratz dolls are "being accommodated within the normal flexing of space in the fashion dolls area for the fall set."

MGA is a privately held company based in Van Nuys, Calif. In addition to Bratz and Moxie Girlz it makes Little Tikes, Rescue Pets and Zapf toys.



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This product image provided by MGA Entertainment, shows part of the 2010 collection of Bratz dolls. New Bratz dolls are heading to toy stores after a federal court overturned a ruling that their maker, MGA Entertainment, had to turn over the rights to the brand to Mattel Inc.

### Science Matters

## Making a shelter for bats

A colony of bats will be attracted to a wooden house with dark, warm crevices and adequate ventilation for warm weather.

**Roof**

**Backboard**

**Top wall**

**Side wall**

**Top front panel**

**Bottom front panel**

**Ventilation slot**

**Construction**

- 1 Cut grooves into back board with saw
- 2 Attach top and side walls with screws
- 3 Attach front panels; leave gap for ventilation\*
- 4 Caulk sides to keep interior dry and warm
- 5 Treat wood with water-based primer and stain/paint; use dark color inside

\*Bats perch above gap in cold weather, below it in warm

**Location**

- 6 Mount on side of building, pole or tree, 12-20 ft. (4-6 m) above ground

3/4 to 1 in. (19-25 mm) bat entry at bottom

Locate near water (stream, pond)

**Location**

14 in. (36 cm) wide  
20 in. (51 cm) tall

**Side VIEW**

**Bats hang head-down, holding grooves with feet**

**Tireless insect killers**

One bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes an hour, reducing the need for pesticides







# Life & Style

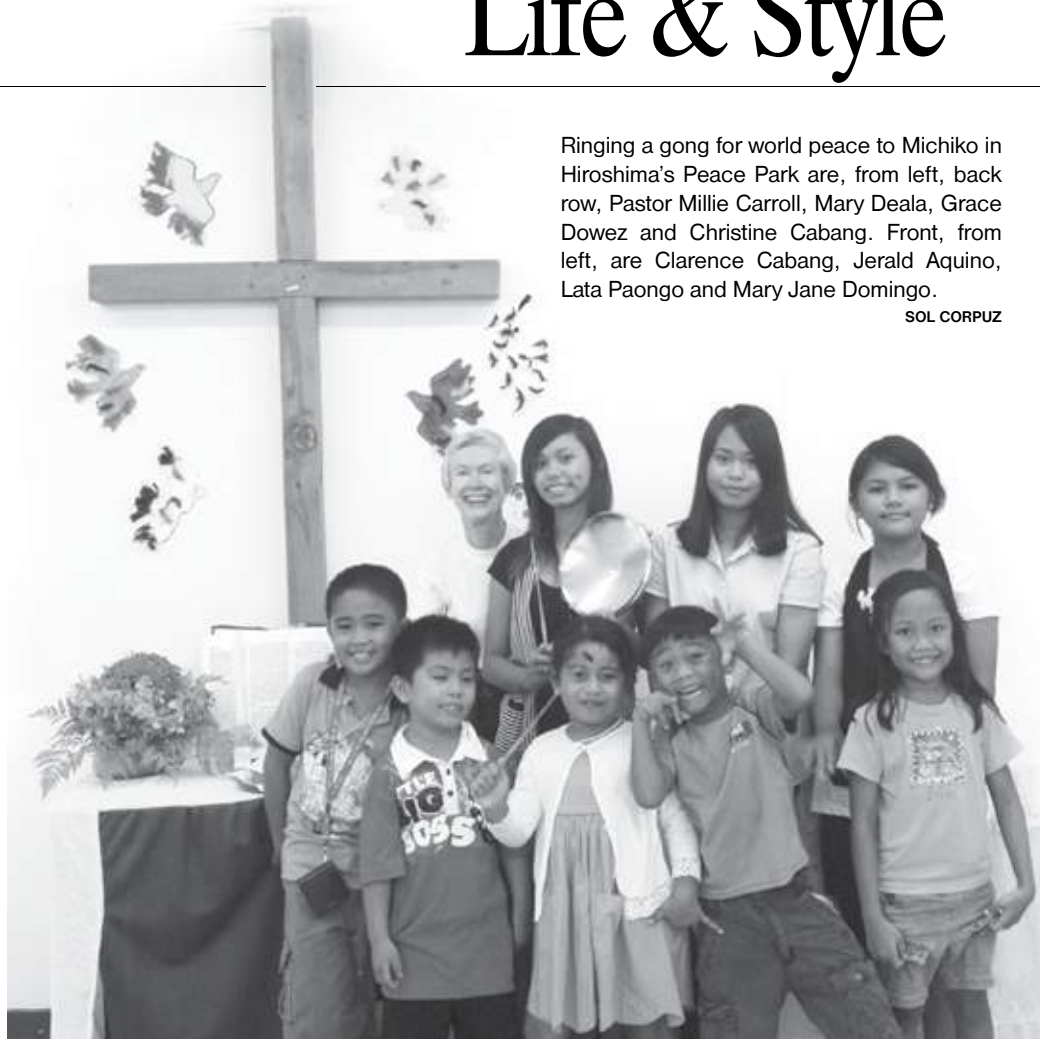
**R**ecently religious and other groups in many countries remembered the horrific atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sunday Immanuel United Methodist (IUMC) in Chalan Kanoa also commemorated these events.

In "Time with Our Kids" the youth and children "received" a cell phone call from a girl in Hiroshima's Peace Park. Michiko wanted them to hear the Hiroshima Peace Bell as she and hundreds rang it. Lacking a peace bell, IUMC's kids each gonged a pan lid three times in a peace signal back to Michiko, ending with prayer for world peace.

After the youth and children left for Sunday School with teacher Sol Corpuz, Pastor Millie Carroll's sermon focused on the need for world peace and against the terrors of any war.

"Along with many other religions and groups today we're pinpointing the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," she said. "It ended the war and probably some thought it the best way at the time, perhaps not knowing the horrific consequences. But we knew afterwards and now know even more so the disastrous consequences of atomic and nuclear bombs."

Carroll quoted Isaiah's telling



Ringling a gong for world peace to Michiko in Hiroshima's Peace Park are, from left, back row, Pastor Millie Carroll, Mary Deala, Grace Dowez and Christine Cabang. Front, from left, are Clarence Cabang, Jerald Aquino, Lata Paongo and Mary Jane Domingo.

SOL CORPUZ

## United Methodist Church remembers Hiroshima, Nagasaki

in 2:3-5 to pound their swords and spears into rakes and shovels instead of war. She exclaimed, "Just think, if countries now at war and holding bombs instead used that huge amount of money to feed their and

world's hungry, what a fair and peaceful world we could have!"

Drawings done 29 years after the war by its victims were shared. Although they knew their drawings vividly showed the terror, they still said, "Our

drawings only show one ten thousandth of how horrible it really was."

Carroll told the congregation: "Today's other Scripture, Romans 12, seems so appropriate—Paul pointing out the

## Dr. Laura apologizes for saying N-word on the air

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Talk radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger has issued an apology for saying the N-word several times in an on-air conversation with a caller that she said was "hyper-sensitive" to racism.

Schlessinger said on her website Wednesday that she was wrong in using the word for what she called an attempt to make a philosophical point.

"I articulated the N-word all the way out—more than one time," Schlessinger said in

comments from the opening of her radio show that she posted on her site. "And that was wrong. I'll say it again—that was wrong."

She said she "realized I had made a horrible mistake, and was so upset, I could not finish the show."

Schlessinger said she pulled herself off the air at the end of the hour.

During the exchange on

Tuesday's show, Schlessinger said the woman who called herself Jade was too sensitive for complaining that her husband's friends made racist comments about her in their home.

When the woman asked if the N-word was offensive, Dr. Laura said "black guys say it all the time," then went on to repeat

Schlessinger did not direct the epithet at the woman, but said she used it to suggest how often she hears it, and that it should not automatically be cause for offense.

When the caller objected, Schlessinger replied: "Oh, then I guess you don't watch HBO or listen to any black comedians."

Schlessinger also said that if the caller did not have a sense of humor about race, she shouldn't have entered into an interracial marriage.



Schlessinger

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Prosecutors showed jurors their most explosive evidence against Anna Nicole Smith's doctor Thursday—journal entries in which he writes of partying with her during a gay pride parade and wonders, "Can she ruin me?"

The journals, identified by investigators who found them in Dr. Sandeep Kapoor's desk in his bedroom, also showed that Kapoor was addicted to the sleeping medication Ambien in the years just before he took over Smith's treatment.

"Hung over. Gay pride parade," begins the entry from

## Witness: Doctor kept secret medical files on Smith

June 13, 2005. "Rode in parade with Anna Nicole."

He wrote of crowds gathering around her limousine while six police officers were keeping back the paparazzi.

He writes of drinking expensive champagne with Smith's boyfriend, Howard K. Stern, in the limousine. "It was mesmerizing, watching the crowd wave at us, Anna and me all buffed out on the car," the entry says.

Then there was the party at a club, he wrote: "Drinks, booze, orgy. I was making out with Anna, my patient, blurring the

lines. I gave her Valium and Methodone. Can she ruin me?"

Kapoor, Stern and Dr. Kristine Eroshovich have pleaded not guilty to charges that include conspiring to provide Smith with excessive drugs, prescribing to an addict, and prescribing to Smith under fraudulent names.

They are not charged with causing her 2007 death from a drug overdose.

On cross-examination

Thursday, Kapoor's lawyer, Ellyn Garafalo, elicited testimony from California Medical Board Senior Investigator Jon Genens that the hand written journals comprised 800 pages and only the two pages cited in court mentioned Smith.

On Wednesday, Dr. Victor Kovner, who sold his practice to Kapoor, told of warning him not to socialize with celebrities.



Smith

dangers of war, causing more retaliation. Not the right solution. Paul also reminds how we are all part of one body. Countries are so dependent on each other for oil, food, clothes. Just think about us here and how dependent we are on other countries for these. If the container doesn't come in then we are without food from the mainland, if crops in the Philippines or China fail then we're without. We and other parts of the world are so very dependent on each other. Our world is really one body so ending the destruction and acting as one body isn't just a desire, it is necessary."

She added, "Many have marched for peace, others held signs for peace at the war memorial. People may feel disheartened and helpless as wars continue and continue. But as in Romans 12 we must keep up hope and pray, pray, pray for guidance in how we can work for peace."

"When we feel hopeless, helpless, other needs, and yes, joy, at any time in all our ser-

vices feel free to go to the Christ is the Light of the World Altar. Take flame from the Christ candle and light a candle for peace or whatever is on our heart."

IUMC has been supporting United Methodist missionary Elna Jocos in Nepal. "One specific way we can help with peace is to support Elna as she now begins work with former forced child soldiers in Liberia, their horrors frequently in the news."

Betty Busacay summarized the peace focus by singing *Let There be Peace on Earth*. Communion followed.

Immanuel UMC seeks to follow The United Methodist motto: "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." All are welcome to IUMC's worship services and children's Sunday School (both in English) at 9am. IUMC in Chalan Kanoa is on Chalan Kanoa Drive and Barbara Avenue (east of Town Center and Beach Road, near Mt. Carmel Cathedral.) For further information, contact Pastor Millie at 322-6158. (PR)

## 'So You Think You Can Dance' fans pick Froderman

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Lauren Froderman had all the right moves on "So You Think You Can Dance."

Viewer votes awarded the 18-year-old recent high school graduate from Phoenix the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" and the \$250,000 grand prize. Froderman bested 18-year-old runner-up Kent Boyd of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and 19-year-old third-place finisher Robert Roldan of Thousand Oaks, Calif., on the Fox dancing contest's live finale Thursday.

"I have been working my whole life for something like this," Froderman said.

The bubbly contemporary jazz dancer was best known for her ability to pick up other styles, effortlessly taking on hip-hop, ballroom and Bollywood routines throughout the seventh season. She also deftly tackled a wardrobe malfunction—a dangly broken dress strap—while performing

a Broadway number during the third week of competition.

Before Froderman's crowning, the finale featured performances from dance troop Quest Crew, 7-year-old tap dancer Luke Spring and a duet between hip-hop dancer Stephen "tWitch" Boss and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres. The former "American Idol" judge held her own in the fast-pumping, therapy-themed routine set to "Outta Your Mind" by Lil' Jon and LMFAO.

"As a joke, I said this would be fun to do," said DeGeneres.

The seventh season was plagued with injuries that forced a few dancers out of the competition. It also introduced several switch-ups to the format, including narrowing the finalist field from 20 to 11 dancers, adding past contestants as partners and replacing screaming ballroom maestro Mary Murphy on the judging panel with cool choreographer Mia Michaels.

Smith died of a drug overdose in February, 2007.

Genens testified that earlier journal entries detailed the doctor's Ambien addiction.

"I didn't sleep much last night," says an entry from May 28, 2001. "I didn't have Ambien which I am now addicted to."

Nearly a year later, he wrote, "I'm addicted to Ambien. I've got to get off it."

Genens said the last entry regarding Ambien addiction was in December 2003. Kapoor began treating Smith in April, 2004. Some of her medical charts have shown she took Ambien.



# Justin Bieber contributes to Tenn. flood relief

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Teen pop star Justin Bieber is proving he's not the only one in his world.

He brought his My World tour to Nashville's Bridgestone Arena Wednesday and donated a portion of every ticket sale to Middle Tennessee flood relief. Concert promoter AEG Live matched the donation.

Together with proceeds from last month's show featuring Miranda Cosgrove and

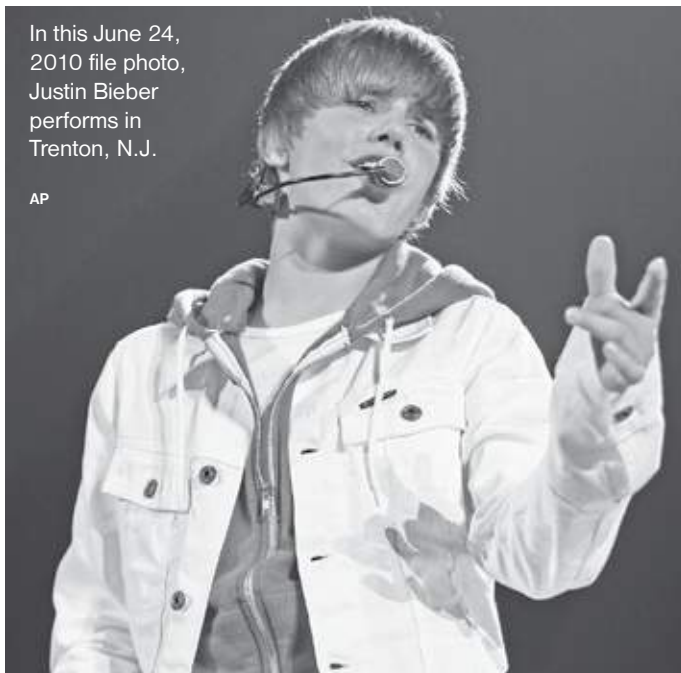
Kris Allen at a smaller venue, Bieber presented a check for nearly \$33,000 to The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Bieber says, "Music has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and you know Nashville, there's so much music history here."

Record flooding in May killed 22 people statewide and caused more than \$2 billion in damage in Nashville alone.

In this June 24, 2010 file photo, Justin Bieber performs in Trenton, N.J.

AP



## Paris Hilton vows vigorous defense of \$35 million suit



AP

In this June 6, 2010 photo, Paris Hilton arrives at the MTV Movie Awards in Universal City, Calif. Hilton is being sued for allegedly wearing someone else's hair.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paris Hilton's attorneys said Thursday that a \$35 million lawsuit against the socialite was meritless and they would mount a spirited defense and possibly pursue a countersuit.

Hilton was sued Wednesday in Los Angeles for allegedly breaching a contract to pro-

mote and wear hair extensions manufactured by Hairtech International Inc. The company is seeking \$35 million in damages—10 times what it paid Hilton for her endorsement.

Spokeswoman Dawn Miller said in a statement released Thursday that Hilton's attorneys state, "There is no merit whatsoever to any of these claims. We will pursue all of our defenses vigorously and any potential counter claims."

Hairtech claimed Hilton did not wear the company's extensions as promised and missed a launch party in 2007 because she was in jail. They claim the damages from the missed appearance were at least \$6.6 million.

Hilton served 23 days in 2007 after she was caught driving twice on a suspended license while on probation for reckless driving.

A jury or judge will decide whether Hilton owes Hairtech any money if the case goes to trial.

## No budget? No worries as Schwarzenegger hits Vegas

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—How is Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger killing time between budget negotiations? Vegas, baby!

Schwarzenegger said "Hasta la vista" to his day job for a few hours Wednesday, jetting off to Las Vegas to help friend Sylvester Stallone promote his new action flick "The Expendables."

The governor makes a cameo appearance.

Schwarzenegger posted a video on Twitter Thursday showing him at a red-carpet event with Stallone the previous night. He also posted a picture of the two eating sushi.

Last week, Schwarzenegger attended the Hollywood premiere of "The Expendables" at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, where he was met by members



AP

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks during a meeting of the Bay Area Council in Santa Clara, Calif., Friday, Aug. 6, 2010.

of a state workers union upset over his furlough plan.

They held up signs reading: "State Workers Are Not Expendable."

## 'Eat Pray Love' fortuneteller hospitalized

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—The Balinese fortuneteller featured in Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir "Eat Pray Love" has been hospitalized because of a heart ailment—just days before a movie adaptation starring Julia Roberts hits U.S. theaters, his doctor said Thursday.

Ketut Liyer has become a celebrity in his village of Ubud since

the book came out in 2006.

Tourists and locals have flocked to his house on Indonesia's resort island of Bali so he could read their palms. His granddaughter, Wayan Puspita Sari, said the 96-year-old has been asked to appear in several commercials and advertisements.

"He is exhausted by all of

this," she said. "It may have affected his health."

Liyer, who also has a prostate problem, was admitted to the Surya Husada hospital over the weekend and underwent prostate surgery on Monday, said his doctor, Wayan Gede Wirawan. Though he has made a strong recovery and says he wants to return home, the for-

tuneteller is being asked to stay at least one week.

Hollywood star Roberts plays Gilbert in "Eat Pray Love," a story about a frustrated divorcee who takes a yearlong trip to Italy, India and Bali in search of inner peace. She met with Liyer during the shooting and filmed several scenes inside his home.

### ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

#### A year after Swift diss, Kanye to return to VMAs

NEW YORK (AP)—A year after his infamous outburst at the MTV Video Music Awards, Kanye West will return. The rapper is scheduled to perform at the show Sept. 12 in Los Angeles. Last year, he dissed Taylor Swift at the event, grabbing the microphone from her as she accepted the award for best female video and saying Beyonce should have won it. His remark of "I'm 'a let you finish, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time" received a blizzard of negative attention. West later apologized and took a hiatus from

music. He will release his fifth studio album, "Dark Twisted Fantasy," in November. Lady Gaga leads this year's VMAs with 13 nominations.

#### Aguilera lends her voice to support the arts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Christina Aguilera is doing her part to help the arts. The Grammy-winning singer is lending her voice to a fundraiser in support of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's latest project. Aguilera will perform at the Sept. 25 grand opening celebration of the museum's Lynda and Stewart Resnick Pavilion, described by LACMA as "the

largest purpose-built, naturally lit, open-plan museum space in the world." The 29-year-old pop star said she's honored to help celebrate the 45,000-square-foot exhibition building, which was designed by Renzo Piano. The gala fundraiser is open to the public. Individual tickets are \$5,000 to \$10,000 and tables are available for \$25,000 to \$100,000.

#### CA judge seeks harsher sentence for ex-UFC fighter

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A San Diego judge says he is not inclined to honor a plea deal for former Ultimate Fighting Champion-

ship competitor War Machine and thinks the case calls for state prison. Judge David Daniels was scheduled Thursday to sentence the 28-year-old fighter to a year in jail for assaulting two people and violating probation on another case. But Daniels rescheduled the sentencing for Aug. 24, saying War Machine's assertion that he had not read the terms of the plea deal and statements he made to a probation officer have made him reconsider. The judge says the fighter's words and actions show a "certain disrespect to anybody other than himself." War Machine legally changed his name from Jon Koppenhaver.

## Teen longs for a baby to fill hole left in her broken heart

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a girl who has had my heart broken for the first time. I know I should get over this boy, but I can't stop thinking about him. My mom loved him. We hung out every weekend for six months.

I thought I might have been pregnant. I'm not—but I want to be. I know I'm not ready to be a mom, but I want someone to love me and depend on me. I need someone who won't leave me. I know my baby wouldn't.

Should I become a mom? How do I get over my boyfriend? Do I stop talking to him and just be his friend? Abby, tell me the right way.

LOVESICK IN YUCCA VALLEY, CALIF.



Dear Abby

DEAR LOVESICK: Becoming a mother is not the way out of your heartache. Any young woman considering having a child must ask herself how she can provide financially and emotionally for that child. Most teenaged girls who become pregnant do not complete their high school education, and it has a negative impact on their ability to provide for themselves and their children.

The right way to work through this breakup is to talk to your mother or another trusted adult about your feelings. Stop trying to maintain contact with your former boyfriend. To continue will only prolong your pain. Dedicate yourself to achieving the most you can for yourself in sports and academics. It will give you less time to brood, and the more you achieve the more sought-after you will become.

It won't happen overnight. It will take time, concentration and dedication. If you take my advice you will come out of this disappointment a much happier person. But having a baby is NOT the answer.

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DEAR ABBY: Eight months ago I began a weight-loss program the same week as my best friend, "Darby." We both have the same amount to lose, but she is using an expensive "liquid fast" combined with a private personal trainer at a gym. She has already spent a few thousand dollars.

I am working completely on my own, and have lost 30 pounds. Darby has lost 32.

She came over to visit and brought with her a huge stack of her old clothes, saying they no longer fit, but implying they would fit me! I do weigh a bit more than she does, but I am 4 inches taller.

I was offended, but too shocked to say anything. I put the clothes in my coat closet to dispose of later. What should I have said to my "friend"? I am really hurt.

INSULTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR INSULTED: How about this? "Thank you. Perhaps I can have them taken in or lengthened—or save them for a short, fat friend."

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DEAR ABBY: When I am the guest in someone's car, I always offer money for gas—\$20 if it's a day-long trip, for example. If I'm short of cash, I'll tell the driver in advance and contribute once I get the money.

I know someone who seldom contributes money for gas when we travel long-distance together. He's not unemployed or financially strapped, either. Is this rude on his part?

SIGHTSEER IN JERSEY CITY

DEAR SIGHTSEER: It qualifies as insensitive—and possibly cheap. Before agreeing to another jaunt with this person, be sure you have an agreement in advance about how much he will be ponying up for petrol.

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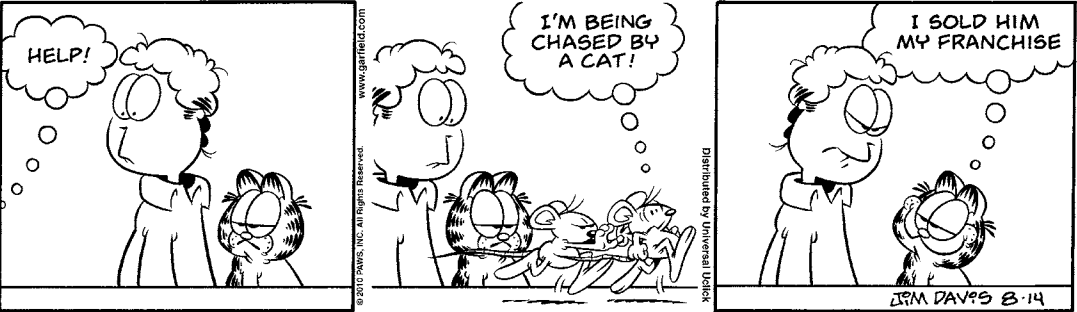


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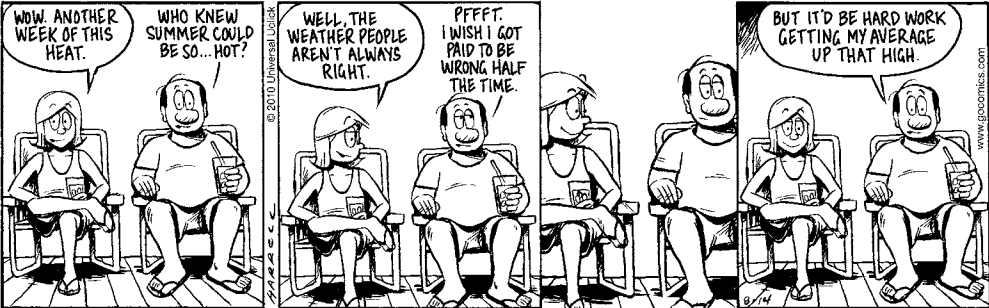
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27 Allen or Conway

29 Piece of eight

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Yesterday's answer 8-14

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Mila Kunis, 27; Halle Berry, 44; Marcia Gay Harden, 51; Steve Martin, 65

**Happy Birthday:** Gravitate toward people with common interests and opinions and you can make your transition to a better future with confidence. Facing any opposition should be a red flag that maybe you are not running with the right crowd. There is lots of ground to cover and it's important you don't leave anything or anyone out. Your numbers are 7, 11, 19, 21, 28, 34, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Organize your day so you don't have time to think. Anxiety will be the enemy, coupled with anyone trying to limit you or add to your responsibilities. You shouldn't have any uncertainties about what you want to complete. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Time spent researching something you want to pursue or talking to someone with experience should fill your day. It may be time to incorporate a little more fun into your life. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your creative idea can interest people with the potential to capture you mentally, physically and emotionally. Getting a creative project started will lead to an interesting encounter with someone from your past. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't trust anyone to do your work for you or to be honest about what's required of you. Ask questions before you go down a path that will lead nowhere. Problems at home with family or your residence can be expected. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take note of who your allies are and reciprocate. A short trip back in time to the places you used to enjoy should be taken. An old pastime can be turned into a lucrative hobby. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Focus on what you can get done and forget about the unsettled business that has been bogging you down. An opportunity will open up when you least expect it. Take care of any problem at home promptly. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Love and romance are heading your direction. If you are single, take part in a singles event and you won't be alone for long. If already in a relationship, plan something special and the rewards will be outstanding. Express your true feelings. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be afraid to make some sudden alterations to your plans. The more you have lined up, the easier it will be for you to maintain control. Your personal touch will encourage others to be a part of your plans. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Share your knowledge and expertise with others. The more help you offer, the better positioned you will be for advancement. Get involved in a group or interest that can help you turn a profit. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may be in control, confident and know exactly what you want but it won't be so easy when your emotions come into play. Try not

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to push anyone you care about or you may meet with opposition or even worse, alienation. For now, listen and observe. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Tie up loose ends so you can start anew. There is ground to cover if you are to figure out a way to raise your standard of living. Joining forces with someone who has the potential to add to what you have to offer will benefit you both. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A creative idea you have will lead to financial gain. Don't be afraid to take on a unique project. Not everyone will get what you are trying to do but the person who does will become your ally and partner in the venture. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are the quintessential peace-maker, striving to please and to help others. You are charming, a little aggressive and persuasive. You are a leader.

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**SUDOKU**

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 8/14

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 8/15

**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

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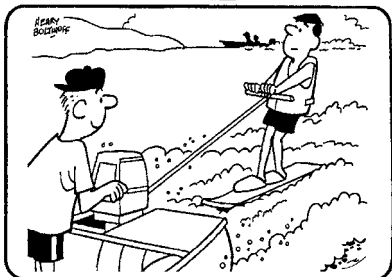
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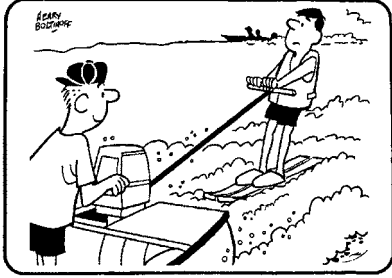
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



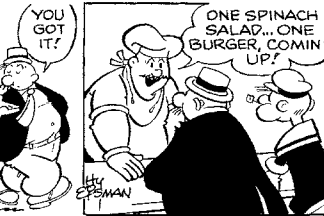
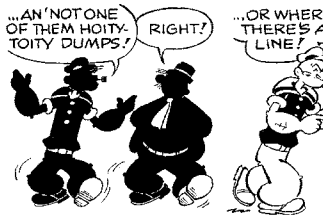
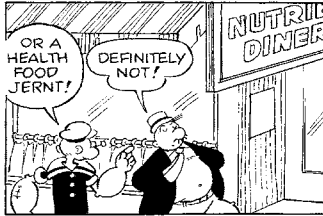
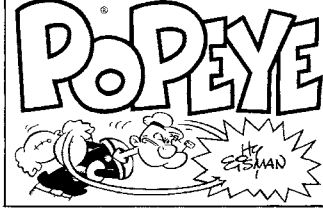
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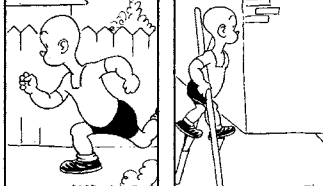
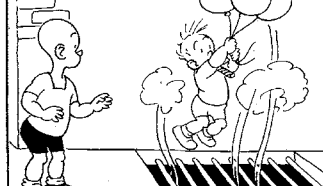
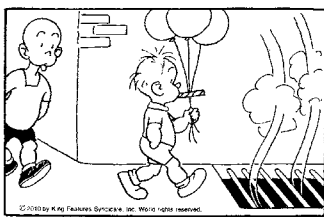
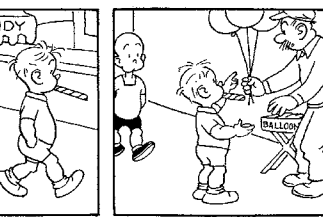
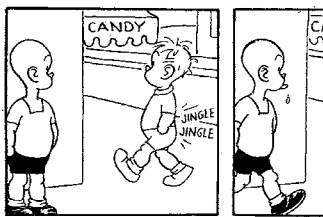
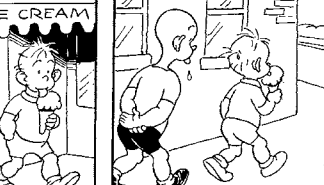
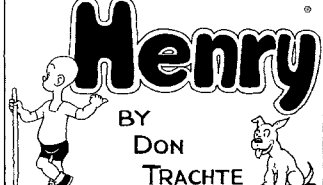
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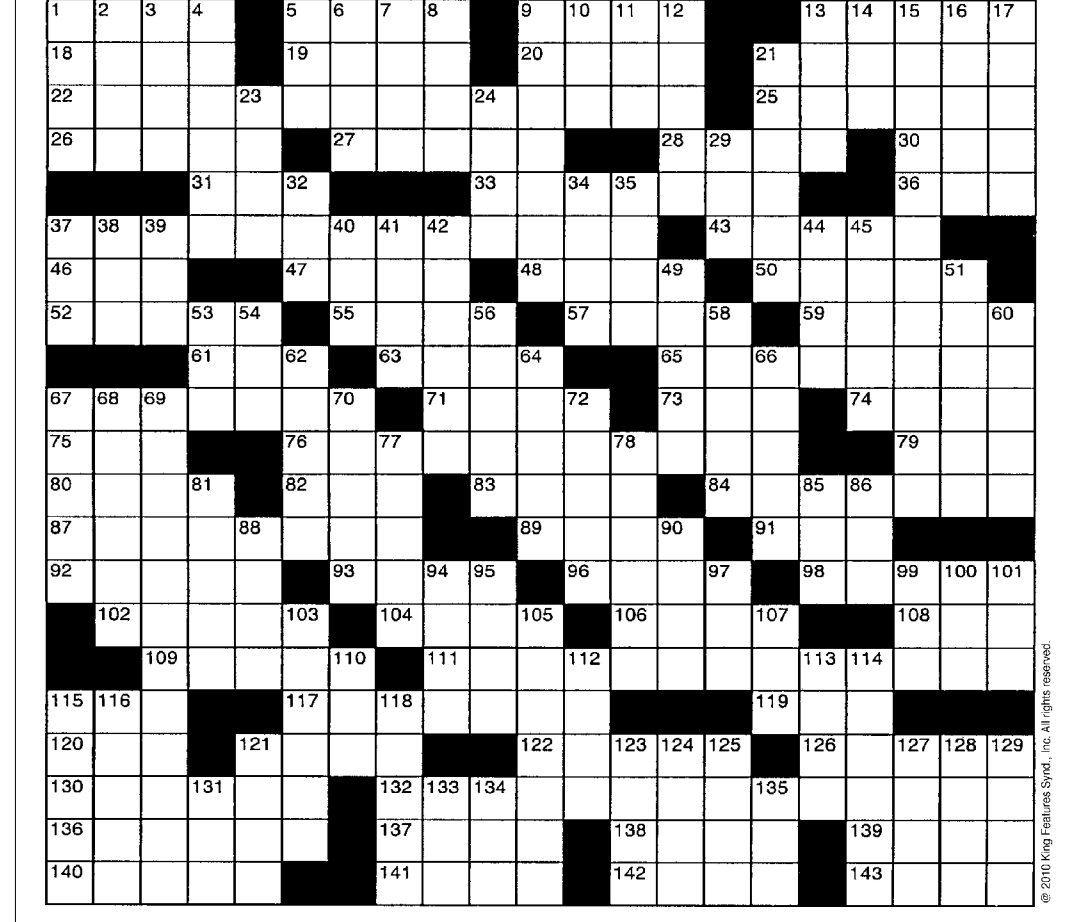


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- 1 Applies lightly
  - 5 Helicopter sound
  - 9 Swedish rockers
  - 13 "Whole — Love" ('69 hit)
  - 18 Guinness or Baldwin
  - 19 Actress Skye
  - 20 Chrysler competitor
  - 21 Toils
  - 22 "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Ragazzo" star?
  - 25 O'Neill's "The — Cometh"
  - 26 New Hampshire city
  - 27 Postpone
  - 28 Leaf part
  - 30 Married Mile.
  - 31 Tarbell or Lupino
  - 33 Theft
  - 36 Spring mo.
  - 37 "Duelo at Diablo" star?
  - 43 Punjabi princes
  - 46 Ornamental vine
  - 47 It may be bitter
  - 48 Blue hue
  - 50 The very bottom
  - 52 Tijuana title
  - 55 "Star Wars" Skywalker
  - 57 Fawn's father
  - 59 Pride of lions?
  - 61 Be a pest
  - 63 Actress Helgenberger
  - 65 Alaric, for one
  - 67 Easily read
  - 71 Kedrova of "Torn Curtain" star?
  - 73 Unwell
  - 74 Gulf ruler
  - 75 Part of EEC
  - 76 "The Tin Stella" star?
  - 79 Wrath
  - 80 Fateful 15th
  - 82 Demolished a Danish
  - 83 Rain hard?
  - 84 Incorporated, as territory
  - 87 Smith or Jones, e.g.
  - 89 Junkie
  - 91 Petite pooch
  - 92 Forster's "— With a View"
  - 93 Evaluate
  - 96 Level
  - 98 Account entry
  - 102 Have — over one's head
  - 104 "My Sweet —" ('70 smash)
  - 106 Debtors' letters
  - 108 Indefinite pronoun
  - 109 Baal and Elvis
  - 111 "Rosso River" star?
  - 115 Funnyman Phillips
  - 117 Hailing from Haifa
  - 119 Paw part
  - 120 Once around the track
  - 121 "Peter Pan" pirate
  - 122 Pound the podium
  - 126 Stallone role
  - 130 Puts up
  - 132 "How the Ovest Was Won" star?
  - 136 Actress Tyson
  - 137 Poker stake
  - 138 Peter and Gordon song, e.g.
  - 139 Small combo
  - 140 Asian capital
  - 141 Tavern staples
  - 142 District
  - 143 Prophet
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  - 2 Bum remedy
  - 3 Neuwirth or Daniels
  - 4 Picturesque
  - 5 Humor
  - 6 Car part
  - 7 Memo start
  - 8 Scuba site
  - 9 Insult
  - 10 Derisive cry
  - 11 "It's freezing!"
  - 12 Confuse
  - 13 Tablecloth fabric
  - 14 UK honor
  - 15 "Riders of the Purpleo Sage" star?
  - 16 Vagabond
  - 17 Ed of "Lou Grant"
  - 21 Tripoli native
  - 23 Change the decor
  - 24 Earl — Biggers
  - 29 Hockey's Bobby
  - 32 Current unit bunch?
  - 35 Wild child
  - 37 "M\*A\*S\*H" extras
  - 38 "— been had!"
  - 39 Writer Rand
  - 40 Vinegar's partner
  - 41 Dejected
  - 42 Detergent ingredient
  - 44 Actress Gertz
  - 45 Saying
  - 49 Linda of "Alice"
  - 51 Join the leisure class?
  - 53 Kimono closer
  - 54 Massage
  - 56 Fromm or Segal
  - 58 Comic Radner
  - 60 Start the slaw
  - 62 Shimmer
  - 64 Rub it in
  - 66 Distort
  - 67 Camera company
  - 68 Writer Welty
  - 69 "The Grande Country" star?
  - 70 Go in
  - 72 Blazing
  - 77 Kidney-related
  - 78 De Havilland or Hussey
  - 81 Hair net
  - 85 Start to snooze
  - 86 Spud bud
  - 88 Melville novel
  - 90 Menial laborer
  - 94 Tiberius' threads?
  - 95 A Great Lake
  - 97 Sister
  - 99 Lad
  - 100 Bed and breakfast
  - 101 Pigskin prop
  - 103 Poorly made
  - 105 Costello or Del Rio
  - 107 Use a straw
  - 110 Compass pt.
  - 112 Neighbor of Tenn.
  - 113 Weft's opposite
  - 114 Modifies
  - 115 Vote in
  - 116 Lanza or Lemieux
  - 118 "King Lear" role
  - 121 WWII site
  - 123 Verdi opera
  - 124 — de force
  - 125 Fencing weapon
  - 127 Full-grown filly
  - 128 Soft cheese
  - 129 Scent
  - 131 Dodger Ron
  - 133 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
  - 134 Giant legend
  - 135 Greek vowel



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

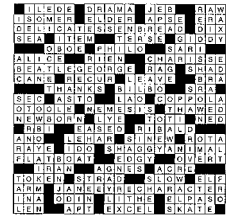
- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Arkansas?
- 2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Captains Courageous"?
- 3. MOVIES: Who plays the title character in "Nanny McPhee"?
- 4. ANATOMY: The temporal bone would be found in what part of the human body?
- 5. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a cubit?
- 6. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is closest in size to Earth?
- 7. MUSIC: What is a doxology?
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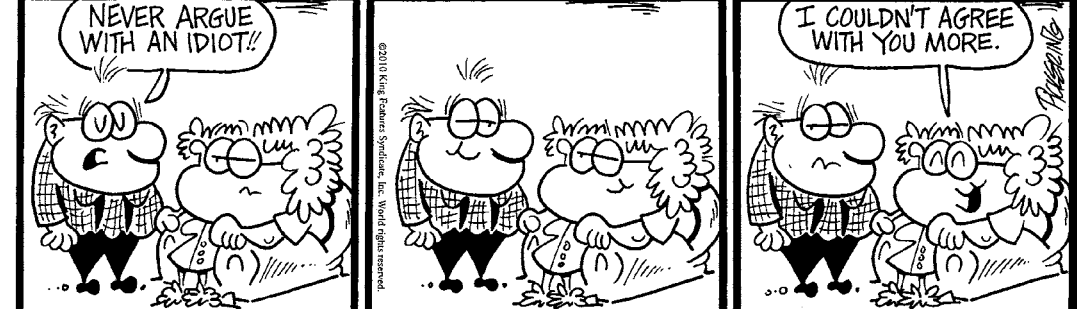
- 6. Venus
- 5. The length of a forearm
- 4. The skull
- 3. Emma Thompson
- 2. Rudyard Kipling
- 1. Little Rock
- 10. Kellogg's Frost Loops
- 9. A scandal that is kept secret
- 8. George de Mestral
- 7. Hymn of praise

Saturday's Answers



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





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# Santana makes closer unnecessary, blanks Rockies



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Johan San-

tana pitched a four-hit shutout to make a closer unnecessary as the New York Mets beat the Colorado Rockies 4-0 on Thursday after Francisco Rodriguez was arrested on a charge of assaulting his father-in-law at Citi Field.

Just before the game, the Mets suspended Rodriguez for two days without pay, a move that if not reversed would cost him \$125,683 of his \$11.5 million salary.

Rodriguez was charged with third-degree assault after Wednesday's game, police said. His father-in-law was in a hospital with a scraped face and bump on his head following the confrontation at a Citi Field family lounge.

Santana (10-6) won for the first time in four starts, and Carlos Beltran had his first three-hit game for the Mets since his season started on July 15.

## **Brewers 8, Diamondbacks 4**

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee set a team record with his ninth straight hit, going 4 for 4 in Milwaukee's win over Arizona.

McGehee had a solo homer, a two-run double, an RBI single and another single. His seventh-inning single off reliever D.J. Carrasco broke the team mark set by Ryan Braun in 2008.

The MLB record for consecutive hits is 12, set by Pinky Higgins in 1938 and matched by Walt Dropo in 1952.

McGehee scored three times and helped the Brewers avoid a four-game sweep.

## **Giants 8, Cubs 7**

At San Francisco, pinch-hitter Andrew Torres hit a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth inning to send San Francisco over Chicago.

The second-place Giants host NL West-leading San Diego in a weekend series.

Pat Burrell hit a grand slam and solo home run and Pablo Sandoval also homered to



New York Mets' Johan Santana, left, greets Jose Reyes after the baseball game against the Colorado Rockies Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at Citi Field in New York. The Mets beat the Rockies, 4-0.

snap a drought of 178 at-bats without a longball.

Aaron Rowand led off the ninth with an infield single against Andrew Cashner (1-5) and went to second on a sacrifice by Freddy Sanchez. After Aubrey Huff was intentionally walked, Cashner walked Buster Posey unintentionally to load the bases.

Torres, held out of the starting lineup before of tightness in his legs, then hit a drive to center that landed on the warning track and bounced over the fence.

## **Padres 3, Pirates 0**

At San Diego, Ryan Ludwick hit a two-run homer while Jon Garland and three relievers combined on a four-hitter to lead San Diego to a victory that completed a three-game sweep of lowly Pittsburgh.

The Padres protected their 2 1/2-game lead over the Giants in the NL West going into a weekend showdown at San Francisco. Giants lefty Jonathan Sanchez, who last weekend guaranteed a sweep over the Padres, will start Friday night's series opener against Padres lefty

Clayton Richard. San Diego is 7-1 against the Giants this year.

## **Phillies 10, Dodgers 9**

At Philadelphia, Carlos Ruiz's game-winning two-run hit in the ninth inning capped a frantic rally to help Philadelphia beat Los Angeles.

Ruiz's shot bounced off the left-center field fence off Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton, scoring Jayson Werth and Ben Francisco. The Phillies entered the eighth inning trailing 9-2.

They scored four runs in the

eighth off three relievers, then four off Broxton (4-4), who began the inning by hitting Placido Polanco and walking Mike Sweeney and Werth.

## **Marlins 5, Nationals 0**

At Washington, Ricky Nolasco rebounded from a rough start by taking a shutout into the seventh inning and Mike Stanton homered for the second consecutive game as Florida beat Washington to complete a three-game sweep.

Using his biting slider, Nolasco (13-8) struck out eight batters in six-plus innings, allowing six hits and one walk.

Stanton hit a two-run homer off Livan Hernandez (8-8) in the second, when umpires checked a replay of the drive and ruled it cleared the fence. That gave the rookie a hit in six straight at-bats after going 5 for 5 Wednesday.

Thursday's start was delayed 1 hour, 57 minutes because of rain.

## **Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 5**

At Toronto, Fred Lewis hit a sacrifice fly that capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox.

The Blue Jays trailed 5-2 before Jose Bautista chased Red Sox starter John Lackey by leading off the ninth with his major league-leading 36th homer. Jonathan Papelbon (4-5) came on and blew his sixth save try of the season, and his first in 25 career chances against the Blue Jays.

Vernon Wells greeted Papelbon with a double and scored on Adam Lind's single. Pinch-runner Dewayne Wise stole second and moved to third when Aaron Hill singled off Papelbon's left foot.

Papelbon stayed in the game and struck out Travis Snider, but Edwin Encarnacion hit a tying double. Pinch-hitter Lyle Overbay was walked intentionally to load the bases for Lewis, who hit a fly ball to shallow center off Daniel Bard.

## **Indians 4, Orioles 1**

At Cleveland, rookie Jeanmar

Gomez remained unbeaten as Cleveland defeated Baltimore, handing Buck Showalter his first road loss as manager.

Gomez (3-0) gave up one run and six hits over six innings, leaving after Adam Jones led off the seventh with a bunt single. The 22-year-old native of Venezuela struck out three without a walk in his fourth career start to beat veteran Kevin Millwood (2-12).

Baltimore, seeking a season-high fifth win in a row, dropped to 8-2 with Showalter.

## **Yankees 4, Royals 3**

At Kansas City, Missouri, CC Sabathia picked up his 15th victory and Austin Kearns homered as New York held off Kansas City.

Sabathia (15-5) is tied with Tampa Bay left-hander David Price for the most victories in the American League. Sabathia, who is 11-2 in his past 14 starts, gave up three runs and 10 hits, while walking two and striking out three in 8 2/3 innings.

David Robertson got his first save of the season in three opportunities, but not before giving up a two-run double to Willie Bloomquist, who had three hits.

## **Twins 6, White Sox 1**

At Chicago, Jason Kubel hit a three-run home run and Francisco Liriano pitched in and out of trouble to help Minnesota beat Chicago and move into first place in the American League Central.

Orlando Hudson also added a solo homer for the Twins, who took two of three games from their division rivals to move one game ahead in the division. The Twins also finished a 10-game road trip with a 6-4 record.

The White Sox, who won their last seven straight series at home, lost their first series at U.S. Cellular Field since the Indians took two out of three game from the White Sox on June 4-6.

Liriano (11-7) allowed one run and pitched around seven hits with four strikeouts. He pitched his best when he was in several jams.

# Suspended Mets' Rodriguez freed without bail

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Suspended Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez was released without bail Thursday and ordered to stay away from his girlfriend's father, whom he is accused of attacking outside a family lounge at Citi Field.

Rodriguez was arrested and charged with third-degree assault after New York's 6-2 loss to Colorado on Wednesday night. The team put him on the restricted list without pay for two days, costing him more than \$125,000.

The 28-year-old reliever is accused of grabbing 53-year-old Carlos Pena, hauling him

into a nearby tunnel, hitting him in the face and banging his head against the wall. Pena went to a hospital with a scrape and swelling above his right eyebrow.

Rodriguez did not enter a plea. Held overnight at Citi Field, he wore jeans, a white dress shirt and sneakers in a Queens courthouse. He did not speak, but nodded as the judge spoke to him.

"Ownership and the organization are very disappointed in Francisco's inappropriate behavior and we take this matter very seriously," Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon said. Said star center fielder Carlos

Beltran: "No one should act like that."

"He feels sorry about what happened, but it's too late," he said. "We all have family issues. But those family issues should be addressed at the house, not near the ballpark, nor at the place where you work."

Judge Mary O'Donoghue in Queens Criminal Court issued orders of protection for Rodriguez to stay away from his girlfriend—Daian Pena, the mother of their 1-year-old twins—and her father.

Police initially identified Carlos Pena as Rodriguez's father-in-law. The pitcher's lawyer

said Rodriguez and the woman are not married.

Assistant District Attorney Kristen Kane was denied her request for \$5,000 bail. Rodriguez was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court Sept. 14.

"Everyone knows who he is, and where he is," countered defense attorney Christopher Booth, adding that they'd just have to check the Mets bullpen.

Rodriguez is not allowed to go home by himself. He must get a police escort to take him there between now and Saturday so he can gather belongings.

"Mr. Rodriguez is obviously

distressed. He's 28 years old and never had anything like this happen to him before. It's quite a shock for a young man to be put into handcuffs and taken away and charged," Booth said.

Booth, who called Rodriguez a "family man," declined to answer reporters' questions about what happened.

Daian Pena told investigators she was inside the lounge—near the clubhouse and ordinarily a convivial spot where players meet their relatives after games—when Rodriguez appeared and told her to bring her father outside.

She "observed the defendant

pin her father against a wall and punch her father multiple times in the face and head," the criminal complaint said.

Her account was confirmed by the father, who "suffered bruising, swelling, abrasions and redness to the head and pain to his neck," the complaint said.

The Mets, already reeling on the field, now face legal issues involving two of their star pitchers. A Florida woman who accused Johan Santana of rape recently sued the Mets ace after authorities declined to prosecute.

The Mets said Rodriguez will not be with the team during his suspension. If the ban is not reversed, Rodriguez would lose \$125,683 of his \$11.5 million salary.



# Favorite at PGA no clearer after fog-delayed start



**S H E B O Y -  
G A N , W i s .**

(AP)—Looking for ways to kill time during a fog delay that pushed tee times back, Tiger Woods ate a second breakfast.

Then, as the wait dragged on, he ate his third.

"That's always good," he said.

The best part? That wasn't the highlight of his day Thursday.

OK, so shooting 1-under 71, even at the PGA Championship, shouldn't be that big of a deal for a guy who has held the No. 1 ranking for more than five years. But after the year—not to mention the week—Woods has had, just finishing a round under par is huge.

Woods actually made a brief appearance at the top of the PGA leaderboard after making birdie on three of his first four holes. But he quickly gave way to Bubba Watson and Francesco Molinari, the leaders at 4-under 68, and needed a birdie on his last hole to stay in the red.

The fog delay—a fittingly odd start for the strangest of years—meant that only half of the 156-player field finished the first round before dark.

"I played too good not to shoot under par, and it would have been very disappointing and frustrating to end up at even par as well as I played," Woods said. "To shoot under par just feels like less than I should have shot for the way I played today, and that's a good feeling."

Certainly a better feeling than



Tiger Woods drops his club as he drives on the fifth hole during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis. AP

he had last week, when Woods staggered away from the worst performance of his career. He shot a whopping 18-over 298 and beat only one player in the 80-man field—and that was at Firestone, a course where he's won seven times.

"That's the way it goes," Woods said. "Everyone has bad weeks."

If only it were just a week.

Woods' personal life has been in shambles for nine months following the revelations of his rampant infidelities, and it's spilled

over onto the course. He hasn't won all season, and his struggles have emboldened his fellow players. While Phil Mickelson claimed his third green jacket, little-known Graeme McDowell won the U.S. Open, and even lesser-known Louis Oosthuizen hoisted the claret jug.

"You just look at the leaderboard, there's a lot of different flavor up there," said Jason Day, part of the group that's a stroke behind Watson and Molinari.

Watson is one of the biggest hitters on the tour, which makes

him a perfect match for the soft conditions at Whistling Straits. On the 587-yard fifth hole, his drive was so monstrous—445 yards, by his count—that he needed only a lob wedge and an easy two-putt for birdie.

Watson has only one career victory, this year's Travelers Championship, but you'd never know it by his relaxed attitude. He's fun-loving by nature, and personal crises—his father is battling cancer, and his wife had a scare of her own at Christmas—have only made him ap-

preciate his life more.

"The win just showed me that we're onto something, the right thing. Let's have fun with our lives and let's have fun with golf," Watson said. "That whole week, I just never thought about winning. ... So this week, I played good again and hopefully I can do a little better on the next three days."

Molinari missed only two fairways and dropped only one shot on his way to a share of the lead.

Among those who have to come back for an early start Fri-

day is Ernie Els, who was at 4 under after making a 7-foot par save on the 14th just before the horn sounded. Matt Kuchar and Nick Watney are also at 4 under, thanks to eagles. Kuchar made his on his fourth hole, holing out from 124 yards out on the fairway. Watney made his on the par-5 11th, the last hole he played before the horn.

Also still on the course was Mickelson, who has another chance to wrest that No. 1 ranking away from Woods this week. Mickelson has come up short in several other opportunities over the last two months, but he's off to a decent start at Whistling Straits. He's at 1 under through the first 11 holes, and will finish Friday morning on the back nine, which averaged more than a half-stroke easier than the front.

"We've got a long day (Friday)," said Steve Stricker, also at 1 under after making his lone birdie of the day on 13, his last hole. "If you can get on a roll and keep the momentum going, it can be beneficial. You've just got to get some rest and get back at it. I'd rather keep going than sit around like I did today."

"Hopefully the fog doesn't get us tomorrow."

Sorry, Strick. The forecast Friday morning calls for dense fog, with showers and storms later in the day. That means Woods could wind up playing far later than his scheduled afternoon tee time.

Instead of three breakfasts, maybe he'll eat three lunches.

## 76ers hire Rod Thorn as team president



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Rod Thorn and Ed Stefanski once teamed to build New Jersey into NBA championship contenders.

Reunited in Philly, the front office pair will try and resuscitate the 76ers.

Stefanski failed in three years to shape the Sixers into winners, so Thorn was brought in Thursday as team president, hopeful the tag-team style of management will lead them back into the playoffs and their first championship since 1983.

Stefanski will stay as general manager. Stefanski had held both roles since replacing Billy King in December 2007. King succeeded Thorn as New Jersey's GM last month.

"We did this before and I'm excited to see what we can do again," Thorn said.

Thorn was hired almost a month after he quit his job as New Jersey's president and general manager. At 69, Thorn could have retired after a career spanning nearly every position in the NBA. Instead, he signed a multi-year deal with the Sixers that includes a role as a consultant once he's

### LeBron, Carmelo, Wade attend negotiating session

**NEW YORK** (AP)—LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade and Chris Paul were among the players who attended a negotiating session between the NBA and the union Thursday.

"It's important for me that all of us, as being the faces of the NBA, to be involved in the negotiations and what's going on," Anthony said as he left. "Our future is in jeopardy if we can't come into a mutual agreement."

Chauncey Billups and Joe Johnson also attended. Paul is

the only one of the All-Stars who was scheduled to be there as a member of the players' executive committee.

Players' association executive director Billy Hunter said 14 players participated in the meeting in Manhattan. The sides agreed to hold another session before training camp so players can take part again. The current collective bargaining agreement expires June 30, 2011.

"It was great conversation, great dialogue going back and forth," said Anthony, the Denver Nuggets star. "The

communication was great. Hopefully we can come to an agreement soon."

The four-hour bargaining session Thursday was the first since February's All-Star weekend, when the players—also strengthened by the surprising attendance of some big names—rejected the owners' proposal. The union recently submitted its own proposal, but commissioner David Stern has indicated it's similar to the current CBA, and the owners are seeking significant changes to the system.

traded disgruntled center Samuel Dalembert.

Thorn has another rebuilding project ahead in Philadelphia. The Sixers went 27-55 last year and missed the playoffs for the first time in three seasons.

He's here because many of Stefanski's big moves were busts. He fired coach Maurice Cheeks after giving him two contract extensions, and his pick of Eddie Jordan was a one-year disaster. Stefanski overpaid for free-agent Elton Brand and reserve guard Lou

Williams, leaving them handcuffed this summer to make any moves with a superstar free-agent class.

Stefanski said after the season the Sixers took an "unacceptable" step backward in finishing 27-55 in Jordan's lone season.

"We don't want to take any more steps back," Thorn said. "We want to take steps forward."

Stefanski was surprised Comcast-Spectacor chairman Ed Snider and COO Pe-

ter Luukko approached Thorn about running the franchise. Stefanski put his ego aside for what's best for the team—and to keep at least one of his titles.

"My pity party lasted for about a half hour," Stefanski said. "Then I was fine after that."

Luukko said Thorn's sudden availability was the only reason the Sixers considered naming a new president.

Thorn and Stefanski worked together in New Jersey and helped lead the franchise to consecutive trips to the NBA finals in 2002-03. The Nets lost to the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs, respectively.

"I think we were a hell of a team in New Jersey and the results showed it," Stefanski said. "There's no reason to say we're not going to do the same thing here."

Thorn had called the shots for the Nets since 2000 and hired Avery Johnson as coach before resigning. Thorn helped turn the Nets into a contender in 2001 when he engineered a trade to bring Jason Kidd to New Jersey.

Before joining the Nets, Thorn was the NBA's executive vice president of basketball operations from 1986-2000.

Thorn said it was painful to be forced to dismantle the Nets, and insisted the arrival of new

owner Mikhail Prokhorov had no affect on his decision to leave. Thorn said he was offered a "very lucrative" deal to stay with the Nets.

"My feeling was, my time had run its course there," he said. "There are no nefarious reasons, no smoking guns. It was just a personal decision."

Collins, who caught a redeye flight from San Diego to attend the press conference, believed Thorn's arrival will help make them a winner.

"These two guys have had so much success together and I feel good about where we are," Collins said.

Marreese Speights, Thaddeus Young and Williams are part of the core of young players who have to improve for the Sixers to contend for a playoff spot. Andre Iguodala, who has never made an All-Star team as Philadelphia's best player, has earned raves this month for his play while trying out for Team USA.

If they all play to their potential, maybe the Sixers can win 40 games.

It's not nearly enough in the Eastern Conference to contend with Miami, Boston or Orlando this season.

But Thorn has arrived to attempt to ensure better days are ahead.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE  
East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	43	.623	—
Tampa Bay	69	45	.605	2
Boston	66	50	.569	6
Toronto	60	54	.526	11
Baltimore	40	75	.348	31 1/2

**Central Division**

Minnesota	65	50	.565	—
Chicago	64	51	.557	1
Detroit	55	59	.482	9 1/2
Cleveland	48	67	.417	17
Kansas City	47	68	.409	18

**West Division**

Texas	65	48	.575	—
Los Angeles	59	57	.509	7 1/2
Oakland	57	56	.504	8
Seattle	44	71	.383	22

**NATIONAL LEAGUE  
East Division**

Atlanta	66	48	.579	—
Philadelphia	64	50	.561	2
Florida	57	56	.504	8 1/2
New York	57	57	.500	9
Washington	49	66	.426	17 1/2

**Central Division**

St. Louis	64	49	.566	—
Cincinnati	64	51	.557	1
Milwaukee	54	62	.466	11 1/2
Houston	48	65	.425	16
Chicago	48	67	.417	17
Pittsburgh	39	75	.342	25 1/2

**West Division**

San Diego	67	46	.593	—
San Francisco	66	50	.569	2 1/2
Colorado	59	55	.518	8 1/2
Los Angeles	59	56	.513	9
Arizona	46	70	.397	22 1/2

**Yesterday's Games**

N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 0  
Milwaukee 8, Arizona 4  
San Francisco 8, Chicago Cubs 7  
San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 0  
Florida 5, Washington 0  
Philadelphia 10, L.A. Dodgers 9  
Toronto 6, Boston 5  
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 1  
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 1  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Kansas City 3

**PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES**

**SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin** (AP)—Scores Thursday from the \$7.5 million PGA Championship, played at the par-72, 7,514-yard Whistling Straits, Straits Course:

**PARTIAL FIRST ROUND**

Bubba Watson	35-33—68
Francesco Molinari	34-34—68
Jason Day	35-34—69
Ryan Moore	35-34—69
Charles Howell III	37-32—69
John Merrick	35-35—70
Kyung-tae Kim	35-35—70
Martin Laird	35-35—70
Jim Furyk	35-35—70
Michael Sim	34-36—70
Thongchai Jaidee	35-35—70
Gregory Bourdy	37-33—70
Stephen Gallacher	37-34—71
Steve Elkington	36-35—71
Ryan Palmer	36-35—71
Brian Davis	36-35—71
Edoardo Molinari	34-37—71
Tiger Woods	37-34—71
Marc Leishman	33-38—71
Rhys Davies	35-36—71
Camilo Villegas	36-35—71
Stuart Appleby	39-33—72
Luke Donald	37-35—72
J.B. Holmes	36-36—72
Paul Casey	37-35—72
Matt Bettencourt	36-36—72
Martin Kaymer	37-35—72
D.J. Trahan	37-35—72
Y.E. Yang	35-37—72
Brian Gay	36-36—72
Ian Poulter	35-37—72
David Horsey	34-38—72
Troy Matteson	37-35—72
Bo Van Pelt	35-38—73
Vaughn Taylor	38-35—73
Rickie Fowler	36-37—73
Justin Leonard	36-37—73
Rob Labritz	35-38—73
Soren Kjeldsen	37-36—73
Charl Schwartzel	36-37—73
Davis Love III	36-37—73
Vijay Singh	35-38—73
Ben Crane	36-37—73
Sonny Skinner	38-35—73
Steve Marino	37-37—74
K.J. Choi	35-39—74
Geoff Ogilvy	38-36—74
Hiroyuki Fujita	36-38—74
Alvaro Quiros	36-38—74
Tetsuji Hiratsuka	38-36—74
David Toms	39-35—74
Anthony Kim	38-36—74
Matt Jones	36-38—74
Brendon de Jonge	39-35—74
Danny Willett	39-35—74
Scott Hebert	38-37—75
Tim Petrovic	37-38—75
Rich Steinmetz	40-35—75

Jerry Kelly	36-39—75
Padraig Harrington	36-39—75
Ricky Barnes	37-38—75
George McNeill	38-37—75
Keith Ohr	40-38—78
Sergio Garcia	40-38—78
Raphael Jacquelin	37-41—78
Rob Moss	38-40—78
Ryo Ishikawa	35-41—76
Kyle Flinton	39-37—76
John Daly	37-39—76
Fredrik Jacobson	38-38—76
Retief Goosen	35-41—76
Derek Lamely	39-38—77
Stewart Cink	38-39—77
Corey Pavin	39-40—79
Ryan Benzel	40-39—79
Mark Brooks	39-41—80
Mark Sheftic	43-39—82
Jason Schmuhl	43-39—82

**DID NOT FINISH**

Matt Kuchar
Ernie Els
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano
Darren Clarke
Simon Khan
Tim Thelen
Shaun Micheel
Peter Hanson
Nick Watney
Shane Lowry
Angel Cabrera
Carl Pettersson
Chad Campbell
Dustin Johnson
Seung Yul Noh
Kenny Perry
Steve Stricker
Rory McIlroy
Zach Johnson
Phil Mickelson
Tim Clark
Kevin Na
Robert Karlsson
Kris Blanks
Jimmy Walker
Jason Dufner
Troy Pare
Bryce Molder
Mike Weir
Kevin Sutherland
D.A. Points
Miguel Angel Jimenez
Wenchong Liang
Adam Scott
Lucas Glover
Yuta Ikeda
Ben Curtis
Louis Oosthuizen
Stephen Ames
Bill Haas
Justin Rose
Kevin Stadler
Charlie Wi
Simon Dyson
Trevor Immelman
Hunter Mahan
Danny Balin
Ross McGowan
Mitch Lowe
Bill Lunde
Stu Ingraham
Robert McClellan
Fredrik Andersson Hed
Brandt Snedeker
Heath Slocum
Jeff Overton
Jason Bohn
Tom Lehman
Mike Small
Graeme McDowell
Scott Verplank
Sean O'Hair
David Hutsell
John Senden
Anders Hansen
Koumei Oda
Oliver Wilson
Rory Sabbatini
Chris Wood
Bruce Smith
Paul Goydos
Colin Montgomerie
Ross Fisher
Cameron Beckman
Boo Weekley
Soren Hansen
Henrik Stenson
Chip Sullivan

**LEADERBOARD**

	SCORE	THRU
1. Bubba Watson	-4	F
1. Francesco Molinari	-4	F
1. Matt Kuchar	-4	14
1. Ernie Els	-4	14
1. Nick Watney	-4	11
6. Jason Day	-3	F
6. Ryan Moore	-3	F
6. Charles Howell III	-3	F
6. Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	-3	16
6. Darren Clarke	-3	13
6. Simon Khan	-3	7
12. Jim Furyk	-2	F
12. Kyung-Tae Kim	-2	F
12. Martin Laird	-2	F
12. John Merrick	-2	F
12. Michael Sim	-2	F
12. Thongchai Jaidee	-2	F
12. Gregory Bourdy	-2	F
12. Tim Thelen	-2	16
12. Shaun Micheel	-2	10
12. Peter Hanson	-2	10
12. Angel Cabreara	-2	10
12. Shane Lowry	-2	9

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**MIEKO**

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men’s division and Matthew Mancao third, the trio gave the CNMI the gold

**SEVEN**

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Ngeskebei behind the plate, the duo is always a threat to spoil stolen base attempts. Camacho also has a laser arm from the outfield that demands respect from opposing runners.

Known for swinging a hot stick, Jeremy Lizama won 2010 Senior League Doubles Champion honors. He also played with veteran all-star, MacGarette Duenas, on the Hustlers primarily as an ace pitcher. Lizama pitched in the neighborhood of 50 innings as well this year and is a valued asset to the bullpen. Also loaded with a rocket arm, Lizama often plays in right field when not on the mound.

The ever-versatile Greg ”Goro” Iskawa crossed the plate a league-leading 26 times in the 2010 Little League season and won the Most Runs trophy. He has

**MARTIN**

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they already won earlier in the year.

Martin Sablan scored a net 70 and actually finished tied with Bob Magofna, but he eventually took the August Ace after nipping the latter in a scorecard tiebreak. Martin Sablan had a par in the handicap hole, while Magofna double bogeyed.

With the August win, Martin Sablan now joins Vince Rosario (January), Edward Sablan (February), Mariano Fajardo (March), Larry Deleon Guerrero (April), Jang (May), Teack (June), and Jose Sablan (July) for the yearend SGA Ace of Aces Tournament.

**ARCHERS**

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amassed a five-point lead after the first period.

Archers maintained that margin throughout the rest of the contest. Mythical star player Jun Tabora tallied eight markers in the second period to keep his team in it, but the Archers’ Robert Guiang bested his effort with 14 points to solidify Archers’ lead, 46-39, at the half.

Archers Edmark Mendoza then turned in a 10-point effort in the third to equal Tabora’s production in the period and deny Mythical from gaining any ground.

With time running down, Mythical could not make a defensive stop and even though Tabora scored eight points in the home stretch, his team still came up short.

In Sunday night’s first match, the Epi Cabrera-led Trinity team ran the court all over MIGS, 87-61. Cabrera nailed 3-pointers in the first quarter and received support from teammates Michael Palacios and Eric Dulfro.

Trinity also dominated Migs on the defensive side and allowed only four points in the opening quarter.

In the second, MIGS’ Rasty Doronilla, Toto Banatasa, and John Jugos combined for 16 points to bring their team within nine at the half, but they still had a long way to go because Trinity’s Cabrera and Palacios were not on the court at the time.

in the team event.

The Micronesian Games gold medalist said the race in Palau was a good warm-up for XTERRA Japan.

“I had this muscle tear before I raced in Palau. But after doing the race, I felt

been playing for four years and the guy can pretty much play anywhere. He is listed at short stop, third base and left field, but he also started on the mound in the 2010 Senior League championship game.

The Fielders’ Kevin “K.J.” Villagomez played third base during the regular season, but is listed as a second baseman on this Senior All-Star squad. This is Villagomez’s first time to be selected in his five-year career. He is a speedy contact hitter with quick hands and is always a tough out at the plate.

In only his second year in organized baseball, Leonard “Skrapz” Sablan has already been asked to run with the big boys. The new talent from Ol’Aces has found his stomping ground in the outfield and is also known for being one of the fastest around the bases on the team.

In his first year in the Senior League and only his third year of baseball ever, Jake

In addition to his monthly win, Martin Sablan also swung the longest drive in hole No. 17.

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan, meanwhile, recorded the most birdies after finishing minus a stroke in holes No. 2, 4, 9, and 13. He wound up with a net 71.

Jang, for his part, birdied holes No. 4, 6, 7, 13, and was the closest to the pin in hole No. 6. Magofna birdied holes No. 7 and 10 then drove the longest drive in hole No. 4 and was the closest to the pin in hole No. 12.

Joe Demapan birdied holes No. 9 and 18 en route to a net 73, while Joe Deleon Guerrero birdied No. 10 to net a 75. Nick Sablan birdied No. 17 to finish with a 76 net. Teack birdied No. 7.

In the third, the Trinity trio came back out and stretched the lead back to 16 points, 61-45. Cabrera hit two more three balls while Dulfro and Palacios each fired eight points.

Then in the last quarter, Cabrera caught fire again with two more of his eight 3-pointers for the game and a couple of free throws for good measure. The Trinity defense shut down MIGS in the late minutes as Trinity ran away with it at the end.

Last Aug. 6, DL Cooking Gas edged Taga Security in a tight contest. DLG’s Jun Abedes, Sonny Ebuen, and Marvin Marcradesh each scored four points to give their team a slim 15-13 lead after the opening period. Taga Security’s Jojo Ong and Elgen Mangali tallied six and five points to keep their team within range.

Then in the second, Mangali scored six more, but DLG jumped ahead to a four-point lead at the half, 31-27.

Taga Security came out strong in the third quarter thanks to a couple of threes by Mangali and six points in support from teammate Leo Apelo, but a 12-point effort by DLG’s Gil Gapor kept his team a point ahead going into the last period.

Although they played from behind the whole game, Taga Security refused to give up. Mangali scored seven more in the fourth and received help from teammates Apelo and Ong with three points apiece. DLG’s Nelson Alfonso scored eight markers and his team needed it because Taga Security tied the game at 63-63 at the

better. The race was not that exhausting, it just gave me time to practice my swim strokes and test my legs for the bike and run legs. It’s a good race to warm up for XTERRA Japan,” said Carey.

“Ragamat” Santos has already made the all-star cut. Santos won the 2010 Senior Legaue Earned Run Average trophy for an impressive 0.82 ERA for the Ol’Aces this season. Santos also plays third base when not on the mound.

Ten teams are included in the 23-game competition and according to the Little League website, the CNMI Senior All-Stars are slotted in Pool B, which is made up of five teams—CNMI; Aruba; Manhattan Beach, California; Palm Beach, Florida; and Holmes County, Ohio.

Pool A is also made up of five teams—Canada, Italy, U.S. Southwest, U.S. East, and the host team from Bangor, Maine.

Notably, the U.S. representatives of Pool B and the Canada representative team are still yet to be determined. Information about these opponents will be reported as soon as the information becomes available.

Other SGA members that took part in the August Ace, with their net scores in parenthesis, are as follows: John Cruz (74), Steve Balakrishna (75), Art Deleon Guerrero (76), Ray San Nicolas (77), Edward Sablan (77), Jess Castro (78), Rick Kautz (79), Juan Babauta (80), Ray Dela Cruz (81), Vicente Aldan (83), Das Krishnan (83), Frances Sablan (83), and Norbert Sablan (91).

SGA also welcomed their newest member, Jim Mitchele, during the August Ace. He came away with a net 81. Tony Benavente and Alan Perez also took part in the tourney as guest players. The next SGA Ace tourney is scheduled in September at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo. *(Saipan Tribune)*

end of regulation.

However, after playing catch-up most of the game, Taga Security went cold in overtime and the game concluded non-climatically. Taga Security was held to only a basket while DLG jumped out to their biggest lead of the entire game and a seven-point victory margin.

**SUNDAY**

**First Game**

**Trinity 87** —Cabrera 30, Dulfro 16, Palacios 15, Manuel 14, Santos 3, Guevarra 2, Mongami 2.

**MIGS 61** – Jugos 22, Banatasa 15, Abaygar 8, Quemado 6, Doronilla 5, Lumauag 4, Caniete 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-4, 37-26, 61-45, 87-61.

**Second Game**

**Archers 90** – Guiang 20, Mendoza 17, David 15, Danipog 8, Quinita 8, M. Usi 8, R. Usi 8, Aniciete 6.

**Mythical 85** –Tabora 28, Rebuyon 23, Factor 19, Miranda 11, Tobias 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 25-20, 46-39, 68-63, 90-85.

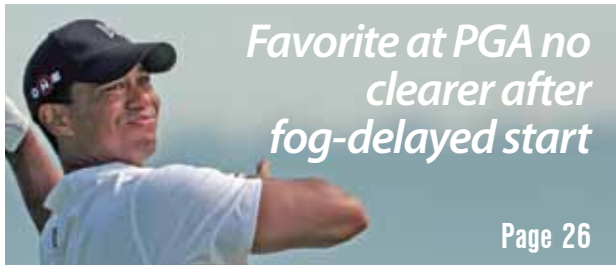
**FRIDAY**

**DL Cooking Gas 72** –Gapor 19, Alfonso 15, Vinas 10, Dayrit 7, Abedes 6, Ebuen 6, Marcradesh 4, Tenorio 3, Ilahi 2.

**Taga Security 65** –Mangali 24, Apelo 13, Ong 13, Javier 7, Mendoza 4, Baituon 2, Tuwon 2.

**Scoring by Quarters:** 15-13, 31-27, 47-46, 63-63, 72-65 (OT).





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## Mieko to defend title in XTERRA Japan

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**M**ieko Carey is heading to Japan in the last week of this month to defend her title in the 2010 XTERRA Japan Championship.

The XTERRA Japan will take place on Aug. 28 in Marunuma, Gunma Prefecture, in the north-west corner of Kanto region on Honshu Island.

Carey had been to the same race last year and topped the women's pro division of the off-road race. The 32-year-old Saipan triathlete was the first female to reach the finish line in the Marunuma race after timing in at three hours and 16 seconds and beating Australian pro Kylee Lock by less than four minutes.

This year, Carey believes it will be tough to defend her title, but she still hopes to finish in the Top 3 of the 1.2-kilometer swim, 25-km mountain bike race, and 10-km run event.

"I know I will have hard time in XTERRA Japan, as there will



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Mieko Carey, seen here in the bike portion of 7th Micronesian Games triathlon event, will fly to Japan at the end of August to defend her title in the 2010 XTERRA Japan Championship.

be a lot of good athletes competing there. But as always, I will do my best and hope to finish the race, make it to the finish line safely and with a smile," Carey said.

Carey had a relatively smooth cruise in XTERRA Japan last year, as she made it to the finish line in one piece—no bruises, no crashes, and no broken shoes.

In the swim leg, where the Saipan triathlete is known to be a strong contender, Carey timed in at 16:50 and still placed fifth overall despite the frigid water in Marunuma Lake.

In the bike leg, Carey submitted 1:48:00 and placed seventh overall, while she completed the run leg in 54 minutes (sixth overall) to claim the women's division championship.

Carey is heading to Japan weeks after winning two gold medals in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

She won the individual gold medal in the women's division after completing the 750-meter swim, 10-km bike, and 5-km bike race in Palau last Sunday in one hour, 14 minutes, and 37 seconds. She finished swim part in the waters off the Palau Pacific Resort in 10:59, timed in at 39:50 in the bike leg from PPR to KB Bridge and back, and submitted 24:14 in the run race from PPR to Meyuns Seaplane Ramp and back.

Carey was the first overall finisher in the race and with Kieran Daly placing first in the

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### Martin Sablan is SGA August Ace



Martin Sablan won the Saipan Golfers Association's August

Ace of the Month Tournament held last Sunday at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

The Department of Public Works secretary secured the monthly competition even if he only registered the fourth lowest score of the day.

Jose Sablan actually finished with the tourney's top score after netting a 65. He was followed by Jung Teack with his post-handicap score of 66, while Steve Jang came away with the third-best net score of 69.

All three, however, were disqualified from winning anymore monthly titles since

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### Archers, Trinity, DL Gas advance

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After a first game rain out last Aug. 6, DL Cooking Gas defeated Taga Security, 72-65, in overtime, while on Sunday Trinity wal-

loped MIGS, 87-61, and Archers defeated Mythical 90-85, in the first round of knockout games for the Miller Lite Invitational Friendly League held at Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Archers, led by Rommel Usi's eight first quarter points,

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» **Marvin Jacob Magofna Ngeskebei**  
Parents: Ramon and Cecilia Ngeskebei  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Joe Mauer  
Favorite team: Minnesota Twins



» **Carl Camacho**  
Parents: Maria B. Cepeda and Carlos C. Camacho  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Robinson Cano  
Favorite team: New York Yankees



» **Jeremy Lizama**  
Parents: Albert and Ana Lizama  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Ichiro Suzuki  
Favorite team: New York Yankees



» **Gregorio Lisua Iskawa**  
Parents: Rebecca T. Lisua and Benito Iskawa  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Manny Ramirez



» **Kevin Villagomez**  
Parents: Naomi and Robert Villagomez  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Ichiro Suzuki  
Favorite team: New York Yankees



» **Leonard Tydingco Sablan**  
Parents: Lenny and Thelma Sablan  
Age: 16  
Favorite player: Tyrone Omar  
Favorite team: New York Yankees



» **Jake Santos**  
Parents: Tina and Edward Santos  
Age: 15  
Favorite player: Mariano Rivera  
Favorite team: New York Yankees

## Seven to make Senior World Series debuts

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Seven out of the 16-player roster of the CNMI Senior All-Stars will be making their debuts in the Little League World Series Tournament that takes place



Lizama, Greg Iskawa, Kevin Villagomez, Leonard Sablan, and Jake Santos

from Aug. 15 to 21 in Bangor, Maine.

Marvin Ngeskebei, Carl Camacho, Jeremy

make up the list of first-time all-stars to the World Series; all of them are 16 except for the 15-year-old Santos.

With an eight-year baseball career, this is surprisingly Ngeskebei's first time to be selected as an all-star. He is a tremendous catcher who can flat out

hit the ball. He was a standout player for the 2010 Saipan Little League runner-up Fielders and probably should be a veteran all-star.

Young gun Carl "Moon" Camacho has been playing ball for six years. He played with Ngeskebei for the Field-

ers and although this is his first season at the senior level, Moon grinded out a workhorse year on the mound with about 50 innings pitched.

They have manifested good chemistry, so with Camacho pitching and

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